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2015 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2016
Ellen Lachance	5/2016

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Mary Olberding	5/2016
Carol Wagner (<i>resigned 12/18/15</i>)	5/2017
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2018

Councilor

Hampshire Council of Governments

William R. Barnett	5/2016
Kyle Vincent	5/2016

Board of Assessors

Raymond G. Goff	5/2016
Thomas A. Barry	5/2017
Donald L. Minney	5/2018

Board of Health

Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2016
Gary R. Racicot	5/2016
Sean J. Cleary	5/2017
Robert B. Hutchinson	5/2017
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2018

Housing Authority

Kenneth Dorey – Resident Mbr	5/2016
Barbara J. Chiappetta	5/2018
George E. Dion	5/2019
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	5/2020
Vacant (State Mbr)	

Moderator

Frances J. South	5/2017
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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High

School District Committee Members

Francesco Dell'Olio	11/2016
Lorraine F. Alves	11/2018

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Planning Board

Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2016
Christopher Laurenzo	5/2017
Donna M. Lusignan	5/2018
James J. Natle	5/2019
Michael A. Hofler	5/2020

School Committee

Myndi B. Bogdanovich	5/2016
Dawn E. French	5/2017
Michael J. Knapp	5/2017
Richard J. Fritsch	5/2018
Thomas C. Laughner	5/2018

Board of Selectmen

George D. Archible	5/2016
William R. Barnett	5/2016
Brenda Q. Aldrich	5/2017
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2018
Nicholas J. O'Connor	5/2018

Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	5/2018
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2015 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge (<i>deceased 6/18/15</i>)	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/16
Susan Gay	6/30/16
Grace Adzima	6/30/17
Will Shattuck	6/30/17
Alan Page	6/30/18

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Animal Control Advisory Board

Carol Mae Wagner (<i>resigned 3/31/15</i>)	6/30/16
Marlene Layman	6/30/15
Jim Luippold (<i>appt. 6/8/15</i>)	6/30/16
Nicole A. Miner	6/30/16
Audrey Safford	6/30/17
Brian Breveleri	6/30/17
Carol Kasabian	6/30/17
Angela Gaj (<i>appt. 5/11/15</i>)	6/30/18
Chrystal Greenleaf	6/30/18

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/16
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Assistant Animal Control Officer

Lawrence Belbin	4/30/16
Janet Lipscomb	4/30/16

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/16
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Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/16
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Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock (<i>appt. 4/13/15</i>)	
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Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc. (WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock	
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Community Preservation Committee

Nicholas Tirrell – At-Large Mbr (<i>resigned 7/27/15</i>)	6/30/16
Peg Louraine – At Large Mbr (<i>resigned as Rec. Rep. 6/11/2015; appt. At-Large Mbr 10/26/15</i>)	6/30/16
Megan Manitsas – At-Large Mbr	6/30/16
James W. Quirk –Recreation Comm (<i>appt 9/16/2015</i>)	6/30/16
James Natle - Planning Board	6/30/17
Judy Healy – At-Large Mbr	6/30/17
Linda Leduc - Conservation Comm	6/30/18
Leslie Squires - Historical Comm	6/30/18
Betsy Loughran – At-Large Mbr	6/30/18
Nancy Delgado Bachmann - Housing Authority Rep (<i>appt 10/28/15</i>)	6/30/18

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Conservation Commission

Nicholas A. Burns - Associate Mbr	6/30/16
John Henry	6/30/16
Edward T. Knight	6/30/16
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/17
Linda Leduc	6/30/17
Michael Cavatorta	6/30/18
Jon M. Clements	6/30/18
David M. Haines	6/30/18

Council on Aging

Alfred Rocconti	6/30/15
Fred Morris (<i>resigned 7/27/15</i>)	6/30/17
Lois J. Dorn	6/30/16
James Dowling	6/30/16
Maureen Guzik	6/30/17
Donna M. Bozoglos	6/30/18
George E. Dion	6/30/18

Belchertown Cultural Council

Timothy Kennedy(<i>excused by Board of Selectmen 8/10/15</i>)	6/30/17
Claudia Bermudez (<i>resigned 3/4/15</i>)	6/30/17
Lew Holzman (<i>resigned 3/9/15</i>)	6/30/15
Jaime Michaels (<i>excused by Board of Selectmen 8/10/15</i>)	6/30/18
Cathy Hews	6/30/16
Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/17
Jennifer Turner (<i>appt. 6/8/15</i>)	6/30/17
Carey Southwick-Fink	6/30/16
Rachel Martins (<i>appt. 12/14/15</i>)	6/30/17
Jennifer Meighan	6/30/17
Lori Allen	6/30/18
Amanda Saklad	6/30/18
Matt Grillo (<i>appt. 8/24/15</i>)	6/30/18

DIF Committee

Gary Brougham – Town Administrator	
Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer	
Douglas Albertson - Planner	
John Whelihan – Assessor	

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Beth Maroney – Financial Seat	6/30/16
Jonathan Spiegel – At Large Seat	6/30/16
William A. Terry - Govt. Seat	6/30/16
Richard Kump– Real Estate (<i>appt 11/30/15</i>)	6/30/17

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Juanita M. Hollar (<i>resigned 7/13/15</i>)		
Robert Rivard – Industrial Seat		6/30/18
Kirk Stephens – At Large Seat		6/30/18

Fair Committee

William Austin		6/30/16
Marguerite Brennen		6/30/16
Sandra L. Brougham		6/30/16
Cindy Brown		6/30/16
Kevin Brown		6/30/16
Scott Brown		6/30/16
Carla Chaisson		6/30/16
Wendy Chevalier		6/30/16
Shawn Lindholm		6/30/16
Mark Nute		6/30/16
Cathy A. Terry		6/30/16

Belchertown Family Center

Stephen Manioudakis (<i>resigned 5/11/15</i>)		6/30/15
Lisa Rainaud		6/30/15
Roger Allen, Jr. (<i>appt. 6/8/15</i>)		6/30/16
April Czupryna		6/30/16
Dr. Gary Circosta (<i>resigned 4/28/15</i>)		6/30/16
Kristin Balboni		6/30/17
Elizabeth Crosby		6/30/18
Katrina Staples (<i>appt. 6/8/15</i>)		6/30/18

Finance Committee

Kate DeCou (<i>resigned 5/15/15</i>)		6/30/15
Lynne Raymer		6/30/16
Steven Rose		6/30/16
Edward G. Boscher		6/30/17
Melissa Hurst		6/30/17
Laurie Shea (<i>appt 5/15/2015</i>)		6/30/18

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock		
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Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock		
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Hampshire County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock		
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Hampshire Council of Government's

Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham		
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Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

Colleen Toothill-Berte		6/30/16
Theresa Rothwell		6/30/16

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf – Director of Public Health		6/30/16
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Charles Cavagnaro, M.D.		6/30/16
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Inspector of Animals

Thomas Flebotte		4/30/16
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Historical Commission

Jill Bierly, Assoc. Mbr (<i>appt. 3/23/15</i>)		6/30/16
Patrick Bierly		6/30/16
Richard Keating		6/30/16
Erika A. Hamilton		6/30/17
Alexander Loss		6/30/17
Leslie Squires		6/30/17
Judith Fuller Gillan		6/30/18
Maxine H. Oland		6/30/18

Historic District Commission

Anna Szmyd Marques – Assoc Mbr (non-voting - <i>appt 1/28/15</i>)		6/30/16
Thomas Stockton – Resident/ Property Owner Mbr		6/30/16
Irene Mariettos - At Large (<i>appt 1/26/15</i>)		6/30/17
Peter Roberts – Real Estate		6/30/17
Denise Smith-Historic Assoc. Seat		6/30/18
Jonathan Spiegel– Architect Seat		6/30/18

Housing Needs and Assessment Committee

Nancy Delgado Bachmann		6/30/15
Susan Gay		6/30/16

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Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima		6/30/17
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry		6/30/16
Arthur Lawler		6/30/16

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.		6/30/16
Charles Lydon, Jr.		6/30/16

Assist. Inspector of Plumbing & Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard		6/30/16
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Inspector of Wiring

Mitchell Staszko		6/30/16
Douglas Rae		6/30/16
Richard Rosazza		6/30/16

Lakes Committee

Cathy Leblond, Recreation Rep.		6/30/16
Bonnie Strickland		6/30/16
LeeAnne Connolly-Conserv. Rep		6/30/17
Jenicca Gallagher		6/30/17
Kathi Smith		6/30/18

Memorial Committee

George (Archie) Archible		6/30/16
Leslie Squires		6/30/16
Raymond Janke		6/30/17
William Bowen		6/30/18
Edward T. Knight		6/30/18

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Thomas Vieu (<i>appt 1/12/2015</i>)		6/30/18
Simon James		6/30/19
Donald Minney		6/30/20

Parks & Recreation Committee

Peg Louraine (<i>resigned 6/11/2015</i>)		6/30/16
Chris Daley		6/30/16
James Wilbur Quirk (<i>appt 9/15/15</i>)		6/30/16
Tilo Schiffer		6/30/17
Nancy Kwiatkowski		6/30/18
William Vosburgh		6/30/18

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Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik		
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Personnel Board

Noah Pefaur		6/30/16
Chris Abbuhl (<i>appt 4/9/2015</i>)		6/30/17
Simon James		6/30/17
Nancy Delgado Bachmann		6/30/18
Katharine Higgins-Shea		6/30/18

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson		
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Planning Board – Alternate Voting

Member for Special Permits

Sierra Pelletier (<i>appt. 5/26/15</i>)		6/30/16
Michael Hofler (<i>elected Full Board member 5/18/15</i>)		6/30/15

Planning Board – Associate Member

Sierra Pelletier (<i>appt. 3/10/15</i>)		6/30/15
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Police Candidate Review Committee

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report

Police Chief Candidate Search Committee

(*Committee appointed 11/9/2015*)

Chris Mattocks	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Sean Gallagher	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report
Rev. Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
Jerry Grasso	Final Report
Steven Williams	Final Report
Thomas Ruscio	Final Report
Andrew DiNapoli	Final Report

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr. (<i>resigned 9/28/2015</i>)	
Bruce Jenks, Acting Chief (<i>appointed 9/14/15</i>)	

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Police Department – Sergeants

(Full-time)

Steven Henn	6/30/16
Bruce Jenks	6/30/16
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/16
William A. Panto	6/30/16

Police Department – Patrol Officers

(Full-time)

Valerie Austin	6/30/16
Michael Beaupre	6/30/16
Jordyn Bradway (appt. 6/8/15)	6/30/16
Adam Brougham	6/30/16
Jason Christofori	6/30/16
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/16
Jason Krol	6/30/16
Neil Lozier	6/30/16
Robert Mann	6/30/16
Christopher Mayo	6/30/16
Edward H. Oey	6/30/16
John Raymer	6/30/16
Michael Roney	6/30/16
Jacob Strange (resigned 5/3/15)	6/30/15
David Williams	6/30/15

Police Department – Patrol Officers

(Part-time)

Peter J. Gaj	6/30/16
Edward Smith	6/30/16
Justin Roy	6/30/16
David Conkey	6/30/16
Jeremiah McBride	6/30/16
Courtney Call	6/30/16
Jordyn Bradway (appt. FT 6/8/15)	6/30/15
Robert Ivey	6/30/16
Michael Jablonski	6/30/16
Jeremy R. Burns (appt. 1/29/15)	6/30/16

Auxiliary Police Officers

Joseph Bergdoll	6/30/16
Brandon Blair	6/30/16
Joseph M. Boyle	6/30/16
Stephanie Cusson	6/30/16
Vincent Daponte	6/30/16
Kristy Donahue	6/30/16
Kevin Dupras	6/30/15
Andrew Letendre	6/30/16
Jeffrey Beleski	6/30/15
Christopher Mayo	6/30/15
Jeremy R. Burns (appt. PT 1/29/15)	6/30/15
Jordyn Bradway (appt. PT 1/29/15)	6/30/15
Brittney Vallee (resigned 3/23/15)	6/30/15
Runuel Bibby (resigned 5/11/15)	6/30/15

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Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham	
Jill Panto, Assistant	

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams	
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PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams, Representative	6/30/16
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/16
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/16

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Daniel Beaudette	6/30/15
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/16

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/16
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Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corp.

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/16
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Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce

Regional Economic Development

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce

Tourism Committee

Richard Steiner	
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Regional Economic Development Commission

Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional

Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	
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Board of Registrars

Marycatherine Knight	3/31/16
Clara M. Very	3/31/17
Linda E. Barron	3/31/18
Colleen Toothill-Berte	5/21/18

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Assistant Registrars of Voters

Belchertown High School

Precinct Coordinator

Clair Partridge	8/31/15
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Election Officers – Precinct A

Judy A. Scott (Warden)	8/31/15
Robert J. Hansbury (Clerk)	8/31/15

Election Officers – Precinct B

Elizabeth A. Griffin (Warden)	8/31/15
Christina M. Aponte (Clerk)	8/31/15

Election Officers – Precinct C

Carol B. Walker (Warden)	8/31/15
Christian Babineau (Clerk)	8/31/15

Election Officers – Precinct D

Paul D. Geoffroy (Warden)	8/31/15
Jacqueline L. Como (Clerk)	8/31/15

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Sharon Barnett	6/30/16
Karol Coffin (appt. 5/11/15)	6/30/16
Heidi Dufresne	6/30/16
Rev. Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/16
Simon R. James	6/30/16
Theresa Przybylowicz	6/30/16

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/16
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Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Skate Park Committee

Nancy Voyer	6/30/15
Beth Adams	6/30/16
Dunstan McNutt	6/30/16
Thomas Hussey	6/30/17
Michelle Ricker	6/30/17

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Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

George (Archie) Archible
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/16
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Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly, Conserv Comm	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams, DPW Dir.	Final Report

Technology Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno	6/30/16
Lew Louraine	6/30/16
Yosef Nimni	6/30/16
Michael Zoufaly	6/30/16
Cynthia Caporale	6/30/16

Trail Stewardship Council

LeeAnne Connolly – Town	6/30/16
Jane Bryden – Landowner Rep.	6/30/16
Douglas Albertson - Town Alt.	6/30/16

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/16
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Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/16
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Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/16
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Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/16
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Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady		6/30/16
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Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham		
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Assistant Town Clerk

Theresa A. Rothwell		6/30/16
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Town Counsel

Kopelman and Paige		6/30/16
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Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima		
Steve Williams, Alt. Trench Permitting Authority		

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione		3/31/17
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Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood		3/31/17
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Veterans' Services Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III		4/30/16
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Veterans' Services Advisory Board

Michael Czech , At-Large Mbr (deceased 8/2015)		6/30/18
George "Archie" Archible, At-Large		6/30/16
William Bowen		6/30/16
Edward Dice, Assoc. Mbr. (appt. 3/9/15)		6/30/16
Keith Poulin, Assoc. Mbr		6/30/16
Larry Raines , Assoc Mbr		6/30/16
Michael Ross , Assoc. Mbr		6/30/16
Janet Jourdain		6/30/17
William McClure		6/30/17
Gerry Desilets, At Large Mbr		6/30/18
Raymond Janke – Period of Employ.		
Vincent Viglione – Period of Employ		

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Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III		
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Zoning Board of Appeals

David Lucey (resigned 5/18/15)		6/30/16
Brian Gibbons (appt. 6/8/15)		6/30/16
Robert Hislop		6/30/17
Mark Hebert		6/30/18

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Noah Pefaur		6/30/16
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Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima		6/30/16
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Board of Selectmen

2015 was a challenging yet productive year for Belchertown. It was a year in which teamwork allowed the Town to once again prosper despite difficulties.

Once again, State Aid to the Town was minimally increased and the resultant strain that this placed upon the Town's budget necessitated the full cooperation between the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the School Committee and several Town officials to achieve an equitable and balanced budget for FY2016. Once more, this was accomplished not by borrowing or mortgaging the Town's future but by making difficult yet prudent decisions that were in the best interest of the whole Town and not by pandering to certain groups or constituencies. And once again, the hidden heroes are the Town employees and school department personnel that make do by working efficiently and effectively under these trying conditions.

Some key figures in the Town decided to retire in 2015 and make way for new officials to step in. In the spring, Selectman Ken Elstein decided to not seek re-election to the Board of Selectmen and in doing so opened up a position on the Board that was filled during the May election by political newcomer, Nick O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor's private sector experience and high energy level has impressed all as he made an immediate positive impact with the Board. During that same election, Selectman Ron Aponte was re-elected to his sixth term on the Board. Another influential figure in Town finances, Finance Committee Chair Kate DeCou moved to California in June thus creating an open position on the Finance Committee that was filled by Laurie Shea. Ms. DeCou's calm and unflappable demeanor gained her the respect of all Town officials and her financial experience helped the Town navigate the recent recession with minimal disruption to programs and services. Ms. DeCou will certainly be missed during the FY2017 budget process. Fortunately, as a former FinCom member, Ms. Shea brings a wealth of experience to the Committee and will prove to be invaluable as Belchertown inevitably faces continued financial challenges in the coming months and years ahead.

Additionally, a Belchertown icon left us in 2015. Doris Dickenson, the unofficial Town historian and pillar of the Stone House Museum, passed

away in February. Doris' knowledge of Belchertown's history was unsurpassed and her passing will be felt for many years throughout the Town. While Tom Stockton and Cliff McCarthy have assumed the town historian mantle in recent years, they will be the first to admit that the void created by Doris' passing is impossible to fill.

Fortunately, there were also many positive events in Belchertown during 2015. One such event was the display of teamwork that allowed the Family Center to continue operations despite tight financial times. This was made possible by a concerted fund raising effort by the Family Center Committee and "friends" as well as critical repairs and improvements made to the Family Center facility that were made with in-house DPW resources. Another positive outcome for the Town made possible by excellent effort and teamwork was the delay of the State auction for the John Patrick Center building and land parcel. This delay was important to the Town because it allowed us to develop a planned use for this valuable property that is surrounded by town-owned land including our school campus. A re-use subcommittee will be presenting the Town with recommended future uses for this parcel and allow the Town proceed with purchasing the land without trying to unfairly compete with for-profit private interests. The group effort that championed the auction delay was spearheaded by Town Administrator Gary Brougham and made possible with the assistance of Belchertown's legislative team and Governor Baker.

Another heart-warming example of teamwork was the case of Coco the lost poodle. Belchertown Animal Control Officer, Anna Fenton, retrieved an elderly and sickly stray dog during the summer. Ms. Fenton and her staff nursed the dog back to health and through some remarkable detective work found the dog's owners in North Carolina. With the help of several good Samaritans, Coco was reunited with her family a short time later. This is yet another example of Belchertown and its citizens going above and beyond the call of duty to help others.

I would be remiss if I didn't report on the single most controversial incident of 2015 – the resignation of Belchertown's long-time Police Chief Fran Fox. In September, after the release of a disturbing incident report from the Granby Police Department, Chief Fox and the Board of

Selectmen reached a mutual agreement of separation. Subsequent to this difficult situation, the Board appointed a highly experienced and well-respected Police Chief Search Committee to begin the process of finding Chief Fox's replacement. A decision regarding the new Chief is expected in early 2016. Fortunately, the Police Department is being expertly managed by Sgt. Bruce Jenks during this interim period. While the Chief left the Town under a cloud of controversy there is no denying that his long career with the Belchertown Police Department is distinguished and his contributions to the Town have been valuable. The new Chief will definitely have large shoes to fill.

As in past years, during 2015, Belchertown faced numerous challenges and through teamwork, exceptional efforts and prudent decision making, we have successfully completed another year while ensuring that Belchertown is an incomparable place to live and raise a family.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Aponte, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

The Town Administrator reports to the Board of Selectmen and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of town government. This includes the annual budget preparation by departments under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen, personnel administration, purchasing, grant administration, budget control, affirmative action, project management, collective bargaining, legal litigations and other duties the Selectmen may assign. Over the past 12 months, this office has managed many ongoing projects, maintained day-to-day operations and pursued new initiatives.

We are happy to report after many years of planning and coordination, the Route 181 Footprint Road Project finally broke ground. This project, estimated to cost \$9.8 million, will be expanded by the replacement of sewer infrastructure approximately 80 years old at a cost of \$350,000 and nearly one mile of water distribution infrastructure which will cost an additional \$1 million. This project has been on and off the funding list many times, has seen the initial cost estimate of \$2 million increased to nearly \$10 million and would not have been

possible without the perseverance of our Director of Public Works, Steve Williams.

We have also worked very closely with the Belchertown EDIC, Mass Development and our legislative team in our ongoing efforts to redevelop the former Belchertown State School. This project has also taken many years to progress to this point with frequent setbacks. At this point, five former institutional buildings have been demolished with a sixth significant structure scheduled for demolition in the near future. We are hopeful the Grantham Group will be approved for funding in the second round of applications to enable us to move forward with Belchertown's own affordable assisted living facility. A facility of that significance on this blighted parcel would be a welcome sight.

Once again in our annual budget preparation process, the Town's financial managers utilized \$437,000 of Stabilization Fund monies to offset what would have been significant cuts in services to the town residents. As in past years, the monies withdrawn from Stabilization will be replaced with available Free Cash. Although Belchertown has seen a decline in the number of new home starts, more recently the ongoing cost of operating the Town in addition to numerous new mandates by the State and Federal government continues to challenge our budget managers. On the bright side, the State's new administration is addressing a number of these unfunded mandates and has increased funding in several key areas. We are hopeful this trend will continue to offset our deficit. Whatever the case may be, I am confident the Town's financial managers will continue to manage Belchertown's finances with efficiency and sustainability.

As I often say, Belchertown is a great community and is fortunate to have residents who volunteer countless hours and employees who are dedicated to their positions enabling Belchertown to experience success year after year. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our employees, appointed and elected officials, and all those individuals who give so generously of their knowledge and time all through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

The Fiscal Year 16 budget projects an increase in the Town of Belchertown's annual estimated receipts from \$47,780,000 to \$48,615,000 for an increase of \$835,000 or 1.7%. This increase was primarily due to the following:

	FY 16	FY 15	Increase/ Decrease	Percent Change
Local Receipts	2,793,000	2,731,000	62,000	2.3%
Real Estate Tax Levy	24,553,000	24,034,000	519,000	2.2%
Recurring State Aid	17,871,000	17,774,000	97,000	0.5%
Special Fund Receipts	3,398,000	3,241,000	157,000	4.8%
	<u>48,615,000</u>	<u>47,780,000</u>	<u>835,000</u>	<u>1.7%</u>

The increase in the Real Estate Tax Levy is due to the combination of the yearly rate increase up to the maximum statutory rate of 2.5% and new growth. The town continued the practice of "borrowing" from stabilization to balance the budget pending the calculation of free cash in the fall. The budgeted utilization of stabilization funds was \$437,000 in Fiscal Year 16 and \$450,000 in FY 15. Stabilization funds are included in Special Fund Receipts. The increase in special fund receipts is a result of an increase in ambulance receipts.

The Fiscal Year 16 annual estimated receipts are being utilized to fund the town's operations as follows:

	FY16	FY 15	Increase/ Decrease	Percent Change
General Government	1,826,000	1,730,000	96,000	5.5%
Public Safety	3,697,000	3,643,000	54,000	1.5%
Public Schools	28,175,000	27,715,000	460,000	1.7%
Highways	1,706,000	1,623,000	83,000	5.1%
Sanitation and Environment	2,042,000	1,883,000	159,000	8.4%
Human Services	864,000	824,000	40,000	4.9%
Culture and Recreation	751,000	714,000	37,000	5.2%
Buildings and Grounds	748,000	726,000	22,000	3.0%
Pension and Insurance	3,828,000	3,705,000	123,000	3.3%
Other Accounts	56,000	55,000	1,000	1.8%
Interest and Maturing Debt	2,592,000	3,372,000	-780,000	(23.1%)
Council of Governments	4,000	4,000	0	0%
Mandatory State Offsets	2,155,000	1,782,000	373,000	20.0%
	<u>48,444,000</u>	<u>47,776,000</u>	<u>668,000</u>	<u>1.4%</u>

The Town is now entering another budget season. The Federal and State governments are dealing with limited resources and an increase in demand by the State and local governments. As the Federal and State governments look at new sources of revenues including increasing taxes and fees, the Town continues to face increasing costs including unfunded mandates from both the Federal and State governments. The Finance Committee has begun meeting with department heads to be pro-active and develop budgeting strategies. The Finance Committee remains committed to maintaining essential services and an adequate Stabilization Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne E. Raymer, Chairman
Finance Committee

ADA Committee

The American with Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2015 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department and Max Bock, Maintenance Department.

The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary. The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Adzima,
ADA Liaison

Agricultural Commission

Agricultural Commissions are not regulator bodies, but pro-active groups that promote farming within their communities.

We held our annual Farmer's meeting in February. This is a time to socialize among farmers, share information and listen to the ideas and concerns of people engaged in farming.

We continued to support the Farmer's Market in their planning. This ties in nicely with the Commonwealth's release of the MA Food Systems Plan. This year the MA Department of Agricultural Resources held hearings and drafted a plan to strengthen the food system within the State and throughout New England and to increase access to local food. We printed colorful signs saying EAT REAL FOOD which were designed to get people thinking about including fresh food in their diets.

The Commission welcomes new Selectman Nick O'Connor as our liaison to the Board of Selectmen. Nick brings fresh energy and a vision of the various Town committees working together to link Town resources for food production and recreation. We look forward to working with him on the role that Lampson Brook Agricultural Reserve, the former State

School Farm, can play in providing more opportunities for Belchertown residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Susan Gay
Judith Gillan
Alan Paige

Animal Control Advisory Board

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Select Board. The Select Board held hearings for a large number of animal complaints in previous years, and felt the formation of a separate Board to hear these types of complaints would be prudent.

In 2015 ACAB was comprised of seven (7) members with a wealth of knowledge and experience with animals. All members at this time are pet owners, including kennel owners, groomers, horse breeders, rescuers, and service dog trainers. ACAB works closely with Animal Control Officer, Anna Fenton.

ACAB received eleven (11) complaints in 2015, of which five (5) formal required formal hearings:

- **March 2015:** Running at large; Successfully resolved within seven (7) days. No further issues to date.
- **March 2015:** Excessive Barking & Residency Issue; Successfully resolved within thirty (30) days. No further issues to date.
- **April 2015:** Running at large & Unsafe conditions; Successfully resolved within seven (7) days. This matter appears to be having ongoing issues in 2016 that will be monitored.
- **September 2015:** Running at large; Unsafe home environment; failure to seek medical care; canine endangerment; Successfully resolved within thirty (30) days. No further issues to date.
- **September 2015:** Running at large; Successfully resolved within seven (7) days. No further issue to date.

2015 was a challenging year for ACAB in terms of getting owners engaged in the safety of their animals. Running at large was the most popular

offense in 2015. When dealing with the public, and in many cases, neighbors who do not get along, it is often important that we find creative and effective ways to adjudicate matters successfully, and in a way that is agreeable by all parties. ACAB had the benefit in 2015 of working with cooperative residents and owners who care for the wellbeing of their pets. ACAB continues to lack clarity from the Town in terms of its adjudicating boundaries.

One member resigned in 2015 due to illness and another resigned due to conflicting commitments. The vacant seats were quickly filled. James Luippold, new member, was appointed Secretary in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belchertown Animal Control Advisory Board

Brian Breveleri

Angela Gaj

Chrystal Greenleaf

Carol Kasabian

James Luippold, Secretary

Nicole Miner, Chair

Audrey Safford

Animal Control Department

2015 was an exciting year for Animal Control. We had a group of residents come together to create a 501c3, Belchertown Animal Relief Committee (BARC), to help fundraise to build a much needed new facility for us. They also plan to stick around and help raise funds for all sorts of projects for the benefit of Animal Control & the pet owners in town.

We were able to tap into the Mass Animal Fund and help out residents with spay/neuter vouchers for their cats and dogs. We were also able to do Trap/Neuter/Release in 2 cat colonies in town with these vouchers. We were able to adopt out 30 kittens to terrific homes from this TNR project.

Once again, thanks to Dr. Morcum from Mill Valley Veterinary Clinic and Tractor Supply. We were able to run another successful low cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinic with a terrific turnout.

We are continuing to have great success with our Facebook page "Belchertown Animal Control". It has helped us reunite several lost pets with owners and has helped us immensely in finding new homes for animals in our care. Our webpage has also been updated and has terrific information and links for all residents.

A big thank you to Rainbow Rescues in Chicopee, MA, Great Dane Rescue of New England and TADSAW, Train A Dog Save A Warrior, for helping us out and each taking a dog into their programs.

During the course of 2015, this department physically responded to approx. 400 calls relating to dogs running at large, barking complaints, scanning found cats for microchips, capturing ill/injured wildlife and transporting them to the appropriate facility, doing wellness checks on animals and responding to citable offenses.

We dealt with residents via telephone with concerns about wildlife, violations of Animal Control bylaws, and offers of volunteering and donations.

We would like to thank all the residents who keep the animals in mind when they are donating food, supplies, toys and bedding. Each of these items makes the animals lives just a little more enriched.

I would also like to thank my assistants Janet Lipscomb and Larry Belbin and our pound keeper Pat Sanuita, they keep this department running like a well-oiled machine and always have the wellbeing of our animals a first priority.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton,

Animal Control Officer



Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 2015 Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen.

At the Town Election in May, Donald Minney was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Raymond Goff and Thomas Barry remain members of the Board. The Assessors are pleased to announce that Department Assistant, Andrea Filipkowski was the recipient of the 2015 Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers (MAAO) Clerk of the Year.

Although national and state budgets continue to underperform, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively strong. Important figures in establishing Belchertown's fiscal year 2015 municipal budget included:

FY15 Total Taxable Value	1,346,660,763
Town Meeting Appropriations	\$48,789,492
Estimated Receipts/State Aid	\$24,697,731
Tax Levy	\$24,091,761
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	\$24,100,779
FY15 New Growth	\$267,278
FY15 Tax Rate	\$17.89

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon Chapter applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational or forestry uses.

A cyclical re-inspection program was initiated by the Assessors. In accord with Department of Revenue guidelines, the Assessor's staff will continue to inspect and verify all property characteristics of single-family homes until the project is completed.

Although the Assessor's hourly rate was removed at town meeting, the Board continued to perform field work as a service to the town.

The Assessors donated their old deed books to the Stone House Museum.

The Assessors received funding from the Community Preservation Committee to microfilm historical tax records dating back to 1862.

The Assessors conducted a full revaluation of all real estate in fiscal year 2015. With market conditions in Belchertown remaining relatively stable, there were minimal changes to the overall assessed values in town.

The Board is confident that all classes of property are valued according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors

Raymond Goff, Chairman

Thomas Barry, Vice Chairman

Donald Minney, Clerk

Belchertown Community Television

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate Community Channels 191, 192, and 193 on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or taped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. What we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Channel 193 - BCTV Weather Station: The BCTV weather information system is broadcast on TV channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station as well as, the current regional radar. This service operates 24 hours a day with audio provided by the National Weather Service from Albany N.Y., with forecasts, storm and emergency warnings for the Pioneer Valley.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

Selectmen	Planning Board
Conservation Commission	BEDIC
School Committee	Council on Aging
Agriculture Commission	Board of Health
Annual Town Meeting	Special Town Meetings

(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, and others)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

Most BHS Band Concerts	Most BHS Drama Presentations
Most CHCS Band Concerts	BHS Home Football Games
BHS Girls' & Boys' Basketball teams	BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony

(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Hockey Games, Volleyball, Chess,)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

Memorial Day Ceremonies	Annual Belchertown Fair and Parade
Some Holiday events	Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common	

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

St. Francis Roman Catholic Church	Christ Community Church
Hope United Methodist Church	Evangel of Wilbraham
Belchertown United Church of Christ	

Accomplishments and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

This year we were able to:

- Purchase a portable studio, a mobile hot spot and a wireless camera hookup. In addition, we utilized a send/receive dish WIFI antenna system to connect to the Belchertown School's network at the High School to send our IP transmission back to the BCTV studio. This makes it possible for BCTV to broadcast live from the BHS Football stadium for home football games. The use of the wireless camera will allow us to roam and send a signal to the video mixer for broadcast. We did go live from the Annual Fair on the common thanks to this new equipment. This technology allows us flexibility to broadcast events in real time from anywhere within the area, while simultaneously recording them for future rebroadcast.
- Added overlay titles to recorded shows identifying the show and record date as part of our normal operation.
- Videos of Town meetings and events are available on the Town's local network with limited read-only access and maintained for a year. In addition, public access for selected meetings and events can be viewed on the Internet at: <http://vimeo.com/user17774503>
- BCTV's web page (accessed through the Town's web site-<http://www.belchertown.org>) has been redesigned and overhauled to reflect more current information for the station. The upcoming weekly schedule for programs shown on channel 191 and 192 are now listed in the Sentinel, as well as through BCTV's updated web site: http://www.belchertown.org/residents/channel_5/index.php
- Wilbur Quirk is now producing "Town Talk" for BCTV. This is a program where Wilbur interviews and reports on people and topics of interest to Belchertown. He is producing at least two shows a month.
- In cooperation with the Belchertown Sentinel we now publish the BCTV weekly schedule of shows to be aired.
- Erinne Dull a one time BHS student and volunteer for BCTV has returned to us and is now recording the Boys' and Girls' BHS Basketball teams games.
- In July we asked our volunteers what equipment they could use to make their jobs better and easier. This request resulted in a complete equipment overhaul for the Conservation Office (three new HD cameras, a wireless computer interface for presentation, a new video mixer, and a new video controller), an additional camera in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, and an additional camera in the Planning Board Meeting Room.
- In April BCTV purchased a DJI Phantom 3 Advanced model quad copter. This put BCTV ahead of the current FAA regulations for using "drones" to commercially record video but did offer our volunteers a chance to learn how to use this new piece of equipment.
- In October BCTV sponsored Drone Flight School for 7 of our volunteers and for one Belchertown Police Officer.
- In addition BCTV applied for an FAA 333 exemption that would allow us to use our quad copter for taping at events in town. We are still waiting to hear whether we have been granted the exemption.

Finally thanks to our volunteers and staff: BCTV runs on community power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Dave Barnett
Pat Barry
Mary Ann Brennen
Keith Bettencourt

Elliot Burke
Louise Christ
Erinne Dull
Audrey LePage

Shawn Lindholm
Frank Lomanno
Rick Rabe
Tim Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Louraine and Peg Louraine
Co-Managers BCTV



Clapp Memorial Library

2015 was a year of many accomplishments at the Clapp Memorial Library. The Trustees engaged CME Architecture to perform an existing conditions assessment of the library building. The resulting report identifies the requirements and associated costs of maintaining, repairing, and preserving the building, along with treatment recommendations and a prioritized preservation plan. Some of the more urgent issues have already been addressed with funding raised in the first Annual Appeal undertaken in many years. The appeal targeted urgent roof repairs, including replacement of broken and missing tiles, and replacement of damaged copper gutters. Happily, this work was completed in December before the first flakes fell, thanks to the generosity of the many townspeople who supported this effort.

Improving on our virtual library experience, the Library launched a new user-friendly website to more accurately reflect the services and programs we provide. With a mobile-friendly version, the new site features lively visuals and intuitive design for a more satisfying user experience.

The Library also launched its first community-wide read, an effort designed to promote reading, learning, and discussion on a common theme. Sparked by a collaboration with Mount Holyoke College based on the college's exhibit "Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry", the Library offered programming on the themes of the Dust Bowl and associated water and climate issues. "The Worst Hard Time", a National Book Award winner about the Great American Dust Bowl, was chosen for the reading event because of parallels with today's issues. Copies of the title circulated over 300 times during the fall, spawning five book discussion groups, along with related programs on music of the Dust Bowl, a cooking demonstration and talk on historical recipes, a film screening of "The Dust Bowl", a talk on the history and impact of the Quabbin Reservoir, and a presentation on climate change, water, and drought by a Mount Holyoke professor.

The Clapp Memorial Library houses 23,936 books, 6,148 DVDs, 1,600 audio books, 1,940 music CDs, and 89 magazine subscriptions. Last year, we added 4,405 new items to our collection. Our membership in the C/WMARS library consortium offers our users access to the collections of all 144 member libraries with

combined holdings of over 9 million items. The Overdrive Digital Catalog provides access to downloadable content: 30,858 e-books, 7,902 audio books, 1,167 video recordings and 117 digital magazines. Additionally, our consortium membership along with participation in the Massachusetts Library System gives library patrons access to the new statewide Commonwealth eBook Collections of over 167,000 e-books, featuring both popular and academic titles. We also offer one-on-one tech appointments to those who are new to the world of e-books and need help getting started.

In Fiscal Year 2015, the Library circulated 115,950 items, and borrowed 15,175 items from other libraries to meet the needs of our users. Our website received 55,158 visits. Library cardholders logged 3,893 uses of our public access computers, and our wireless internet service was accessed for 2,286 sessions. We loan Nook e-readers pre-loaded with 120 titles, a Kill-a-Watt kit that measures home electrical usage, a small computer programming robot called a "Finch", and admission passes to 11 area museums and attractions.

The Library also offers access to a variety of electronic collections including Mango, an online foreign language learning program, Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest genealogy databases, Tumblebooks and BookFlix e-books for children, Zinio downloadable digital magazines, and Newsbank featuring online Western Massachusetts newspapers. These collections logged 9,278 uses.

As always, programming is an important component of our service to the community. The Library presented 470 diverse programs with attendance of 11,360. Music rang throughout the building with a beginning Ukulele program for adults followed by a series of four ukulele "strum-alongs", and continued with concerts featuring Irish music, rock and roll, and the BHS Jazz combo. The always popular meditation series was offered again, and Coloring for Grownups made an appearance. We hosted author talks, snowflake making, a certified dog trainer, a green smoothie demo, Couponing 101, and a breathtaking slideshow on local eagles. 170 adults explored new reading genres by completing the Summer Reading Challenge, and two popular adult book discussion groups meet year-round.

The first year of the federally funded "Serving Tweens and Teens" grant was successfully completed, with the establishment of a Teen Advisory Board to aid in planning programs and services to 6th through 12th graders. The small teen space has seen improvements as a result of grant funding, and a number of fun and well-attended programs were planned by the group including Supersnacks for Teens, Marvel Movie Nights, Giant Games Day, 1st Annual Belchertown Pizza Tasting Contest, Coding with Minecraft (learning coding concepts through game playing), knitting, and a March Madness College Basketball Bracket Tournament that involved 65 teens. Extended study hours for high school students during the BHS exam period were again offered to an eager group of students, and National Novel Writing Month was observed by 10 teenagers who met weekly in November to support each other in the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel in one month!

Programs for children are always a priority and the roster included meeting Toto the Tornado cat, a magic workshop and performance, the history of swords, an afternoon of drawing games, a roller skating party, rocket building with an evening launch event, holiday crafts for kids, Lego challenges, children's movie screenings, live musical events, a family gingerbread house workshop, live owls and other wild animals, outdoor messy art, storytelling from Africa and Asia to promote Screen-Free Week, a Week of the Young Child sing along dance concert, a teenage magician, Saturday music for babies through age 6, Paws to Read with certified therapy dogs and bunnies, and a thrilling singalong with Elsa and Anna from the movie "Frozen".

447 children kept their reading skills up to speed over the summer through participation in the Summer Reading Program, "Every Hero has a Story". This year, children who read for 10 hours or more were rewarded with "A Super Reader Lives Here" lawn sign. All 60 signs were distributed to avid readers and were proudly displayed throughout town. The end of program party attracted a happy crowd of 300.

It's a lively place, this library. 150 Kindergartners visit every other week to hear a story and choose a book. 36 teenagers joined the Junior Volunteers over the summer. The Library appreciated the 887 hours that volunteers gave this year, with 592 of those coming from teenagers! We thank the Florence Savings Bank

for once again funding the special events throughout the Summer Reading Program. The incomparable Friends of the Library continue to provide essential support to fund programs, equipment and other special needs that are beyond the reach of our budget. We can thank the Friends for the beautiful, spacious new book drop that graces the front of the building. They support us in many ways, both visible and invisible. On any given day you will find your friends and neighbors taking advantage of the bounty of riches offered here. Thank you to the entire community for the support we receive each year and do, please, visit your Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila McCormick,
Library Director

Community Preservation Committee

Now in its successful tenth year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including creation of recreational facilities or rehabilitating existing ones.

Under the CPA, the state-match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge of 1.5% averaged \$35 per household/year. This year the state provided a 31.5% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2015 was \$213,162.00 and the state match was \$63,690.00. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown greatly multiplied the town's own contributions.

The 2015 Annual Town Meeting approved nine CPA projects with a total appropriation of \$388,208. These projects include:

- ADA compliant elevator installed in Clapp Memorial Library
- Rehabilitation of the Community Skate Park, Phase 3
- Open space conservation restriction management fees
- Grantham Group – Christopher Heights Assisted Living Facility
- Rural Cemetery gravestone restoration
- ADA renovations at Hope Unite Methodist Church
- Construction of Jessica's Boundless Playground
- Field measurement and verification mapping of 3 Town Cemeteries
- Digitization of historic tax records

The CPC is committed to an open process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

James Natle, Chairman
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair
Betsy Loughran, Clerk
Megan Manitsas
Leslie Squires
Peg Louraine
Judy Healy
Wilbur Quirk
Nancy Delgado Bachman
Nick O'Conner, Selectman Liaison

Conservation Commission

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held forty-five hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; twenty-six of these were Requests for Determination, fifteen were Notices of Intent, two for Abbreviated Notices for Resource Area Delineation and two for amended Orders of Conditions. The Commission issued four Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the

applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plan for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Conservation Commission administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the town. This responsibility is for the enforcement and permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations which went into effect in January, 2008. For the year 2015, there were thirty-eight applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including housing lots, subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission reviewed the Environmental Notification Form for the Belchertown State School redevelopment project and is currently working with the project manager and the adjoining Lampson Brook Farm to provide protection, passive recreational access, environmental education and agricultural opportunities for this large undeveloped area.

The Commission applied for and was awarded a \$127,160 grant through the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity, (LAND) Grant program of the Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The conservation goal for this property is to protect a large tract of contiguous forestland as a town forest. This 45 acre property, located along a very busy Route 9 in Belchertown contains wildlife habitat, scenic waterfalls and connectivity between the Mt. Holyoke Range and the Quabbin Reservoir. This property is also adjacent to about 350 acres of already conserved land, including Holland Glen Conservation Area, Wentworth Conservation Area, and several hundred acres owned by Cows Land Company, which are under Chapter 61. The Commission and DPW were also awarded a \$42,000 319 Non-Point Pollutant Discharge Grant through the Massachusetts Department of

Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Resources. Currently there is direct stormwater discharge and runoff flowing into Lake Arcadia. The proposed work is to provide treatment of stormwater from pipes and direct surface runoff that discharge directly into the lake. Currently there are two catch basins and a series of overland flows that discharge directly into the lake. The work at Lake Arcadia is located on Federal Street along the southwest shore near the intersection of Metacomet Street. A 604B Water Quality grant was awarded to the Town in 2012 to investigate water quality issues and identify any potential stormwater runoff issues surrounding the lakes area. This one location was identified as an area of great concern. The Belchertown Conservation Commission and DPW is currently working with PVPC to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet the water quality and other agreed-upon goals for this lake. This pollution prevention work and project will be especially beneficial to all 3 lakes.

The Conservation Commission has been involved in numerous conservation area stewardship projects, collaborating with both private and public organizations, as well as individuals. The Wentworth Conservation Area, Reed Conservation Area and Jabish Brook Conservation Area have all had trail work completed and additional signage was posted. The Conservation Commission would like to thank all volunteers and the Belchertown Department of Public Works for all their assistance with the stewardship and maintenance of our conservation areas.

The Conservation office is in the process of reorganizing and updating our web page. The 2013-2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan, (OSRP) will continue to qualify Belchertown for numerous State grant opportunities. The 2013-2020 Open Space and Recreation goals and objectives for 2013-2020 will continue to incorporate this data reflecting community concerns for the Town and provide Belchertown with the resources and recreational management guidelines and strategies for the next seven years.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2016-2017 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community to protect and maintain valuable resource areas and open space

within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

David Haines, Chairman
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
John Henry, Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Commissioner
Nicholas Burns, Associate Commissioner
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator
and
Michele Nowak, Department Clerk

Council on Aging/Senior Center

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). Executive Director, Bill Korzenowski, manages the day-to-day operations. The Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. Current board members include, Jim Dowling, Chairperson, George Dion, Vice Chair, Donna Bozoglos, Secretary, Maura Guzik and Lois Dorn. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We offer a Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a backup shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

When the "new" Center opened 15 years ago, the senior population in Belchertown, 60 and over, was about 1500. Currently that number has more than doubled to over 3,000 and this number is projected to double in the next 15 years to over 6,000 seniors. The over sixty population will comprise close to 40% of the town's total population. This increase will require additional funding, staffing, space and programming in order to meet the needs of this age group. We are currently in the process of conducting a town

wide Needs Assessment to assist with future planning and have completed Phase One of this project. There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. Mental health services for seniors are lacking and we have begun an initiative involving several local organizations to address this need. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Over half our budget comes from grants, fees, and other outside funding sources. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. Additional expansion of the current senior center complex is inevitable. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that more affordable senior housing is needed along with an in-town assisted living facility. Our seniors should be able to remain in the town they helped build and receive services they need. As we place a priority on educating our children we need to prioritize services for those who helped build this town.

Outreach, Insurance Counseling and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our priority in these areas. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance and prescription drug coverage information, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the state's Prescription Advantage program has added a heavy additional demand on this department. We have two SHINE trained counselors on staff. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Transportation continues to be a major issue as many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for service outstrip our ability to meet the need. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTA is still a

pressing matter. The Council began providing a bi-monthly trip to Wal-Mart and Big Y in response to the need expressed by seniors. During FY15, our handicapped accessible vans transported 263 different seniors almost 8,000 individual trips. The Executive Director of the Senior Center has been successful in submitting two mobility assistance grants to obtain new 14-passenger vehicles costing \$58,000 each from the Executive Office of Transportation over the last five years. These vehicles have been put into service allowing us more flexibility in scheduling. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional wellbeing of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with transportation and a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. The Council received a generous bequest from the estate of a former client, Ella Prescott to help support this program. This program provided 1200 hours of service to almost 100+ seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. This program is partially funded by a Federal Title IIIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. This program has grown from having a budget of \$3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over \$25,000. We are pursuing additional funding through a CDGB grant and the United Way. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making

every effort to maintain this service and advocate for additional transportation services and funds. We are also part of the state's Regional Coordinating Committee for transportation in Western MA.

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritionally balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes throughout the year. During the FY15 period, 382 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 8,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. We have maxed out the capacity in our dining room on a variety of occasions in the past year. Our Home Delivered Meals Program served an additional 25,000 meals to 159 different seniors. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. Currently we have had to suspend utilizing our own frozen meals for weekend use and have been forced to offer prepackaged meals from a caterer. These meals have preservatives and chemical stabilizers added to the meals. EOEa has continued to refuse to allow us to use our own "fresh frozen" meals despite repeated requests from the COA and complaints from seniors. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers. Seventeen

different seniors and their families were served by this program in FY 15.

Mental Health issues are affecting many seniors. Depression is very common in the elderly and contributes significantly to related health problems. Lack of Mental Health services continues to be an issue for seniors. We continue to advocate for additional funding and services.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we also operate a non-food item distribution program, which helps our seniors to stretch their income. Items include household cleaning items, laundry products and personal care items. Donations and fundraising help support this program.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, daily exercise classes, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, Zendooodle, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups and two different musical groups. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. Computer classes are offered weekly and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Wellness programming continues to expand. One hundred seventy four people participated in a variety of programs. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Flex & Tone exercise program, Osteo-exercise class, Yoga, Tai Chi and continue to be very popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss and a yearly flu shot clinic. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. Staffing issues prevent the offering of more evening programs.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing volunteer opportunities to serve our

seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizations, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation service for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home. A Health & Safety Fair was held at the High School for several years and another is planned for April 2016.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over eighty citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY15. Over 15,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of at least \$165,000. Our Fundraising group, the Belchertown Senior Citizen's Center Association provides financial support through fundraising events and through proceeds from "Second Best", a used clothing and housewares store located next to the Senior Center. This store serves the entire community and donations are welcome. Their dedication and financial support helps fund our programs and services.

The Belchertown Council on Aging's Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.

Cultural Council

Belchertown's Cultural Council fostered a number of cultural events and activities in 2015 involving local area artists and craftspeople. Belchertown's share from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was \$4,820.00 to be divided

among local artists. Total amount distributed in 2015 was \$6,453.00.

At the Belchertown Council on Aging, the Cultural Council funded a music program by Jimmy Mazz, "The King of Cool, the Ultimate Bobby Darin!", "An Evening of Art with Donna Estabrooks", "An Animal Adventure Presentation", The Gypsy Wranglers in "Swing Dance for the Community and Donna Lee's "The Connie Francis, Jim Reeves and More Tribute."

At the Clapp Memorial Library music programs included "Beginning Ukulele for Adults", "Banish Misfortune"-traditional Irish music and "Music with Little Ones and Those who Love Them." Also presented at the Library was David Maloof's "Ukulele Edu-Concert" and "Wild Heroes" by Animal World Experience. The Library also worked with the Chestnut Hill Community School in presenting "Tales from Asia and Africa".

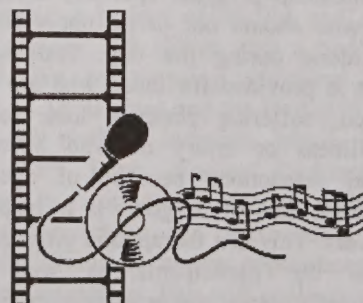
The Council also funded John Root's "Organic Gardening for Everyone", Denise Fontaine-Pincince "Art with Poetry" at the Chestnut Hill Community Hill School. Also at the high school was the National Art Honor Society's "Art, The Earth and Us" with a display at the Library.

The Belchertown Cultural Council is always willing to consult with townspeople who wish to find a way to fund projects and programs in town. We thank those who have designed and presented programs.

Council members are: Cathy Carlton Hews, Matt Grillo, Jennifer Turner, Jennifer Whitehead, Jennifer Meighan, Amanda Saklad, Lori Allen and Carey Southwick-Fink.

For the Council,

Cathy Carlton Hews



Economic Development and Industrial Corporation

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1982. Seven members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered, three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

During 2012 the EDIC overcame many obstacles that were blocking the development of the site. The EDIC were able to solve the indemnification issues in the Memorandum of Agreement between EDIC and DCAM with help from MassDevelopment and our legislators. In mid-2013 MassDevelopment became the Master Developer for the site and have continued to work towards developing the State School property. During 2014 the Governor signed the release of a key additional parcel from DCAM to the EDIC that was transferred in early 2015.

MassDevelopment continue to work on a conceptual plan for the site with the EDIC, Town Selectman, the Planning Board and Town Manager. All parties are working together to design a master plan that fits with the overall goals of the Town Plan. The EDIC awarded a letter of commitment to the Grantham Group to develop an assisted living facility on approximately 3 acres and to pursue the necessary permits and funding to build an 84 unit assisted living facility on Pad 1, the first area to be developed. That application is under way. The first \$1.3 million in State funds for demolition and clean up began to flow in 2014. Contracts were awarded for the cleanup of the Administration Building and the demolition and clearing of Pad 1, which was completed by July, 2015. The EDIC and MassDevelopment continue to work with the Planning Board to implement a new zoning district and to hold meetings with Mass Historical Commission and the Belchertown Historical Commission to collaborate on plans for memorializing the history of the site.

Phase II remediation and demolition is currently funded and the process of selecting contractors for an additional 10 acre area is under way with work to begin in the Spring of 2016.

Directors:

William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat
Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat
Beth Maroney, Financial Seat
Juanita Holler, Real Estate Seat

Office of Emergency Management

During 2015 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. The towns CTY instant notification system continues to provide general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the town's emergency plan which focuses on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members continue to maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the direction of Homeland Security.

This past year the town entered into an agreement with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to start the process of hazardous mitigation taking a proactive approach to identify potential future problems that may occur during natural weather events.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Emergency Management Director

Fair and Parade Committee

Belchertown celebrates its 158th annual fair. This year's theme was "Bee-utiful Belchertown Fair." This gave exhibitors and town organizations the opportunity to use their talents to come up with ideas for decorating their floats and booths. Ironically, the absent participants were the bees (unlike last year).

Amusement rides were provided by Mark Fanelli Traveling Amusements Company. Friday night opened with wristband sales; despite the increase in price of a wristband, the sales of wristbands also increased.

Sounds around the Social Tent were the best, as usual. The tent was full of spectators listening to the sounds of the scheduled bands and entertainers.

Giant pumpkins were weighed in and first place went to Audrey Wanczyk at 540lbs, second place was Charlotte Wanczyk at 340lbs and third place the Lamontagne family with 208lbs.

As soon as Friday night people were setting up chairs on sidewalks to view the parade. Saturday morning, without sidewalk construction this year, people lined Main Street to watch the parade. I have never seen the crowd so full. The Color Guard was provided by Belchertown Police Department and the town officials led the parade. Amateur groups included the boy and girl scouts, Belchertown Twirlers and dance companies. Both the High School and Middle School Bands provided spectators with the best sounds ever. Other groups included the antique cars, tractors and many outstanding floats. Shriners brought multiple groups to please the crowd as usual. Judges' Award Best Presentation of theme was Clapp Memorial Library. We would like to thank everyone who participated in our outstanding parade.

Other awards include:

- 1st place Float: Belchertown Day School
- 1st place Band: Belchertown High School
- 1st place Antique Car: Florence Koziol
- 1st Place Tractor: Carl North
- 1st Place Marching Unit Amateur: Footloose
- 1st Place Marching Professional: Belchertown Veterinary Hospital
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest: Duane Adams
- Helen Papp Award: Janice Howland
- Exhibit Hall Grand Champion: Sue Martin
- Glenn Butler Award: Janice Howland
- Fair Cake Adult: Brianna Bromgren
- Hubert and Jennie Greene Award: Aimee Henderson
- People's Choice Award Adult: Anne Opalenik

- People's Choice Award Youth: Jenna Robinson
- Preston Atwood Award: Roxanne Austin
- Les Campbell Award: Anne Ely
- E.C. Howard and Sons Award: Michael Howland
- Belchertown Farm display: Austin Brothers Farm
- 1st Place Scarecrow Adult: Austin Brothers Farms
- 1st Place Scarecrow Youth: Alexander Bessette

"Bee"ard Contest

- Longest: Michael Lofland
- Softest: Mark Philips
- Bushiest: Kevin Brown
- Most Creative: Dennis Bushey

Also occurring were two favorite events with record audiences – the horse and oxen pulls.

The winners for the horse pulls:

- Austin Teamsters Award under 3300: Brian Kleeburg
- Austin Teamsters Award over 3300: Brian Lagoditz
- 3300 pounds and under: Kleeburg Sugar House with Barnie & Smucker: 13,000lbs
- 3300 pounds and over: Pete Hannifin with Mack & Zeek: 13,500lbs

The winners for the oxen pulls were:

- 2400 pounds and under: Duane Hine with Gus and Doug: 6,500lbs
- 2800 pounds and under: Audette Brothers with Tiger & Deer: 8,500lbs
- 3200 pounds and under: Audette brothers with Willy & Turbo: 10,500lbs
- Free Class over 3200 pounds: Tim Clark with Sonny & Butch: 14,000lbs
- Youth Teamster Class: Kenny Moulton

The Winners for the Kids' Pedal Tractor Pulls:

- Light Class: Aiden Randall with 45lbs
- Medium Class: Justin Vinskey with 70lbs
- Major Class: Fionn Lydon with 85lbs
- Boys' Night Out: Mike Kiendzior with 13ft
- Girls' toss: JessyLynn Guyer with 7'9"

The winners for the Rabbit Show were:

- Senior Showmanship: Cori Botelho
- Junior Showmanship: Laurel Lamoureux
- Novice Showman: Catlyn Haas
- Best of Show: Mason Mormile
- Herdsmanship Award: Laurel Lamoureux
- Reserved Champion: Laurel Lamoureux
- Best Pet: Kate Mas
- Showmanship Champion: Cori Botelho
- Best Cavy: Caitlyn Jaksa

- Outstanding Exhibitors: Parker Mas

The Poultry Show winners were:

- Best in Show, adult: Sandra Brougham
- Best in Show, youth: Lana Krol
- Youth Standard Bird: Ryan Shea
- Reserve Standard Youth: Lindsey Nobes
- Best Bantam youth: Lana Krol
- Reserve Bantam Youth: Sabrina O'Grady
- Reserve Bantam Adult: Sandra Brougham
- Best Water Fowl Youth: Owen Kopiewski
- Best Water Fowl Adult: Molly Adams
- Showmanship Cloverbud: Emma Arcouette
- Showmanship Novice: Nicole Hannigan
- Showmanship Junior: Chloe Macaluso
- Showmanship Senior: Sabrina O'Grady

There were many other events that happened over the weekend. The Social Tent was busy entertaining people of all ages. The Kids' Tent and 4-H tents were buzzing with different types of games and other entertainment. Our exhibit hall had more entries this year than ever! Hats off to Wendy and the Exhibit Hall volunteers; what a fantastic show of their talents to show off all of the exhibitors entries.

Countless hours are spent planning the parade and fair. The Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Police and Fire Departments, EMS, Department of Public Works, Town Hall and the Town Hall Administration Staff for all of their help. Thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors; their help is never forgotten. Most of all I want to thank the Committee members for all that they do; without this group, this event would not exist.

We are looking forward to next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chairman
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

Belchertown Family Center

The Belchertown Family Center, located at 720 Franklin Street, is a resource for families with children ages infant to five years old. The BFC is committed to providing the community with early childhood enrichment in a safe environment that allows children to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically through play. The center also implements the principles of "Every Child Can Read", a research based program that prepares young children with pre reading skills. The Family Center also works closely with the school system to assist in providing a smooth transition into kindergarten.

The Belchertown Family Center is able to provide these services as well as parent workshops, music

programs and consultative services through its association with the Collaborative for Educational Services located in Northampton. Daily operations, snacks, and supplies are funded by donations and fundraising provided by the community and the Belchertown Family Center Association. The center is also connected with the Massachusetts Walk for Children, which provides financial support as well. This year's fundraising is being allocated to refurbish the playground and to purchase a flagpole for the front yard. The town of Belchertown has allotted funds for utilities such as heat, water and electric.

For more information please contact the Family Center Director, Lori Allen, at 413-835-5201.

Belchertown Fire – Rescue Department

The Belchertown Fire – Rescue Department is a combination of the towns' fire and emergency medical ambulance service.

The Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection, and environmental conservation to our community, along with our high quality Emergency Medical Services. We continue to provide 7/24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of fourteen full-time staff, one part-time, and forty call/volunteer firefighters in addition to the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

It has been another very challenging year with funding however town meeting continues to support our requests to maintain the level of the service we provide. The department commits to the best Fire Protection, and Pre-Hospital Paramedic level care possible to the members of our community.

This past winter brought extreme cold and larger than average snow fall which increased the department's home related emergency responses by fifty percent.

Overall there was an increase in actual fire events by eighty four, and fire prevention activities and permits remained consistent. The ambulance responded to 1404 emergency 911 calls, with an increase in call volume of 195 showing an ongoing increase in ambulance transports to area hospitals.

Planning ahead towards the near future, more full-time personnel will be needed to handle the demands of ambulance calls. In addition, there is a need to replace one of the department's older fire engines, and commit to the purchase of an aerial device.

The members continue countless hours of mandated and bi-weekly training to provide the best services capable.

In closing I would like to thank all the firefighters of the department for their continued support and dedication to serve. I would also thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without the family support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional people take an active role in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief



Types of Responses 2015

Structure Fires	31
Ambulance Responses	1404
Vehicle Fires	10
Vehicle Extrication	06
Wildland Fires	30
CO Alarms	27
Hazardous Spills	14
Faulty Appliance	61
Sounding Alarms	85
Investigations	128
Mutual Aid	08
Total	180

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	0568
Smoke Detector	263
Oil Burner	98
Propane Storage	048
Underground Tank Removal	04
Fuel Storage	01
Blasting	00
Total	0982

Hampshire Council of Governments

Council Overview: The Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) is a collective body made up of representatives from 15 Hampshire County towns. HCOG has two key focuses: to improve residential life in Hampshire County, and to provide our small towns with the advantage of economies of scale typically available only to larger cities. We accomplish these goals by promoting the local economy, investing in sustainable infrastructure, and aggregating the buying power of our residents. HCOG is not funded primarily by grants or taxes, but rather by fee-for-service programs that generate revenue sufficient to support its operating costs. Modest membership fees are also collected from member communities.

2015—Our Best Year Yet! HCOG has consistently demonstrated a high return on investment for our member communities: this year has been no exception. There was a simultaneous upswing in value provided and a large drop in dues collected. In fiscal year 2015 (FY15), the total estimated savings secured for member towns was \$4,626,195. During the same period, member towns paid a collective \$25,509 in dues to HCOG—approximately half of what they paid in the previous year. That means our member towns saw an increase in return on investment of over 200%!

Total value provided/money saved – Town of Belchertown: \$1,363,260

Programs and Services in Use

- Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust
- Tobacco Free Community Partnership for Hampshire and Franklin Counties
- Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative
- RSVP of Hampshire and Franklin Counties

Unused Programs and Services

- Hampshire Solar
- Regional Accounting Program
- Hampshire Power
- Hampshire
- I.T.

Saving Hampshire County Money: HCOG programs are designed to provide money-saving services to residents and towns. Although the Council is made up of 15 towns from Hampshire County, many of our programs are available across the Commonwealth.

In the past fiscal year a majority of member town savings came from the Group Insurance Trust (HCGIT), while the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provided nearly \$1 million of service to member towns during FY15. Hampshire Power, Hampshire I.T., and the Purchasing Cooperative combined to save members an additional \$439,308. Member towns saved a total of \$4,626,195 through HCOG-provided services.

Because Hampshire Power serves 11 out-of-county Community Choice Aggregations, it played a much larger role in securing savings on a state level. Massachusetts-wide savings totaled \$19,847,407.

Methodology: Savings are calculated by comparing the cost of HCOG services to comparable alternatives. For example, HCGIT savings are derived by subtracting the cost of our insurance plan from the cost of the State's. Hampshire Power savings are calculated by finding the difference between our rates and the utility rates in a given municipality.

HCOG Revenue: HCOG's revenue is primarily derived from our fee-for-service programs. Total revenue in FY15 (including grants with specific designated purposes and excluding Hampshire County Group Trust revenue) was \$5,423,885. In FY14 and FY13, HCOG revenues were respectively \$5,368,994 and \$4,501,249.

Hampshire Power: Hampshire Power is HCOG's competitive electricity supply subsidiary and the only non-profit in the industry, statewide. Hampshire Power gained 41 new private and municipal customers in FY15. By providing fixed-rate contracts to our customers, Hampshire Power was able to save municipal customers a combined \$138,300. For their part, member towns (Hatfield, Hadley, Huntington, and Westhampton) saved approximately \$11,608 in total. Our pricing is highly competitive when compared to both utility rates and other competitive suppliers. We have been successful in procuring rates as low as \$.108 per KWh for entire cities (like Lowell), as well as businesses, non-profits, and municipal clients. Prior to this year, Hampshire Power was only serving a single Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) in Lancaster, MA. Over the course of FY15, we started supplying 10 more cities and towns with electricity: Dalton, Florida, Lenox, Lowell, Marlborough, North Adams,

Sheffield, Tyringham, West Stockbridge, and Williamstown. By comparing our rates to basic utility rates we're able to estimate savings figures for our aggregation customers. Through bulk purchasing and fixed-rate pricing we saved them \$7,911,573 over the course of FY15. Hampshire Power rates through 2015 were the lowest aggregation rates in the Commonwealth. And Hampshire Power is local—meaning community energy dollars stay in the local economy.

Sustainability – SREC Brokering Program:

Perhaps more than any other program at HCOG, the SREC program has evolved over the past fiscal year. In the last years, revenue has gone from \$3,437 (FY13), to \$13,100 (FY14), to \$25,883. We are now brokering Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) for 600 people—almost three times as many as last year (214 clients). These clients represent over 4.5 million annual kilowatt hours, 266,443 square feet of solar arrays, and 4,478 SRECs—valued at \$1,369,540. Generating this amount of power through solar technology avoided the release of 3,136 tons of carbon dioxide byproduct.

Hampshire Solar: Our net metering program is a key to driving our mission to promote local business. By purchasing net metering credits, ratepayers are able to secure a 15% discount on their electricity bills, while increasing demand for clean, renewable energy. Through our partnership with Nexamp Inc, Hampshire Solar has helped raise demand for electricity generated at Nexamp's solar farms. The money-saving and environmental benefits of this program are available to all Massachusetts residents, non-profits, businesses, and municipalities.

Hampshire Solar is now being offered in conjunction with Hampshire Power in order to increase savings opportunities for customers. With this new, bundled approach we are achieving our goal of promoting the local economy, expanding sustainable energy options, and helping the residents of Hampshire County (and all of Massachusetts) to save money.

Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust:

The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (HCGIT) provides health and life insurance to over 10,000 individuals. The HCGIT is required to keep its premiums at or below the state insurance level, and has done so with great success; this fiscal year it saw its first (moderate)

premium increase in 4 years. In total, municipal clients were able to save \$9,373,266 by purchasing insurance through the Trust. This year, HCGIT gained 3 new clients from Worcester County.

The HCGIT's revenue increased from \$49,097,910 to \$53,770,883 over the past fiscal year: a 9.5% increase. 11 out of 15 member towns use the HCGIT in place of the state plan. Member towns secured \$2.9 million in savings through the HCGIT.

Purchasing Cooperative: The Purchasing Cooperative (The Co-Op)—now in its 34th year serving the communities of western Massachusetts—leverages its relationship with vendors to secure better deals for municipalities. By aggregating the buying power of many small communities, the Co-Op helps smaller towns and cities attain the benefits of economies of scale that would normally not be possible for them. In the last fiscal year, all 15 member towns made use of the Co-Op, saving an estimated \$412,000 collectively. State-wide savings a total of \$802,786 over the same period.

In FY15, three additional municipal clients began using the Co-Op to buy materials for highway maintenance. The Co-Op took in \$92,969 through purchasing fees from vendors—a 30% increase from FY14 (\$71,244). The estimated total volume of material purchased through the Co-Op was \$7,130,249.

Hampshire I.T.: The Hampshire I.T. program is a partnership with the region's largest I.T. company, Paragus IT. By hiring Paragus through HCOG, customers are able to receive a discounted rate on I.T. services. 8 municipalities saved \$34,549 through Hampshire I.T.

RSVP: RSVP (the Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Hampshire & Franklin Counties provides opportunities for people 55 and older to use their expertise for the benefit of their communities. These volunteers focus on helping seniors remain independent and in their own homes, increasing food security in the region, and building nonprofits' capacity to do great work through fundraising and program support.

In FY15, 653 volunteers served more than 103,000 hours, an estimated contribution of \$2.87 million to the local community (based on Independent Sector's state estimate of the value

of volunteer time). This year, 81 new volunteers joined the RSVP program. 90% of the volunteers have been serving through RSVP for a year or more, and 16 volunteers have been with the program for more than 20 years.

8 member communities benefited directly from RSVP volunteers, who contributed approximately 35,600 hours of service in those communities, valued at about \$991,000.

Tobacco Free Community Partnership: The mission of the Tobacco Free Community Partnership is to encourage and support smokers in Franklin and Hampshire County to quit. It also aims to create awareness of harmful, smokeless

tobacco products that are often marketed towards young people.

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership partnered with several student organizations across the state, promoting chapters of the 84: student-led coalitions designed to deter other students from smoking.

Regional Accounting: As part of HCOG's mission to serve our smaller communities, we provide a regional accounting service to towns without municipal accountants. In FY15, HCOG supplied accounting services to 4 area non-profits as well as 3 towns. These financial services include town accountant services, bookkeeping, and payables.

Hampshire Council of Governments - Councilors

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BOARD OF HEALTH AND QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Board of Health Permit / License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2015.

Private Drinking Well Permits:	45 (43 New Construction, 2 Replacements)		
Septic Permits:	95 (41 New Construction, 52 Repairs, 2 Upgrades)		
Perc Test Applications:	95 (47 New Construction, 48 Repairs)		
Bakery:	2	Piggery License:	1
Day Camp Permit:	1	Public Pool Permit:	1
Ecology Can Permits:	1	Public Spa Permit:	0
Food Establishment Permits:	21	Residential Kitchen Permits:	5
Frozen Dessert License:	3	Retail Food Permits:	10
Funeral Director License:	1	Septic Hauler's Permits:	10
Limited Food Establishment Permits:	7	Septic Installer's Permits:	25
Milk & Cream Licenses:	25	Tanning Unit Permits:	2 permits/4 units
Mobil Food Permits:	3	Temporary Food Permits:	21
Mobil Home License:	1	Tobacco Retail Permits:	11
Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/Furnaces		Food/Retail Review:	0
Variance Permits:	0		

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Quabbin Health District

Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health in 2015:

Reportable Diseases:

Campylobacteriosis	2	Lyme disease	9
Giardiasis	1	Babesiosis	1
Human Granulocytic Ehrlichiosis	1	Salmonellosis	2
Hepatitis C	7	Shigellosis	1
Influenza	31		

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The 55 cases listed above are those which have been confirmed. A computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Ruth Amador, R.N. from Baystate-Wing Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Baystate-Wing Hospital and Medical Centers:

- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Cases follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Amador, RN, MSN

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals.

On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

In 2015, I conducted inspections of 187 farms. The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on those inspections:

ANIMAL COUNT:

Beef Cattle over 2 years old:	102	Horses under 1 year old:	0
Beef Cattle under 2 years old:	79	Llamas over 1 year old:	36
Breeder Pigs:	6	Llamas under 1 year old:	0
Chickens:	1143	Pigeons:	50
Dairy Cattle over 2 years old	38	Rabbits:	87
Dairy Cattle under 2 years old	22	Sheep over 1 year old:	23
Feeder Pigs:	10	Sheep under 1 year old:	5
Game Birds:	15	Steers:	5
Goats over 1 year old:	33	Turkeys:	4
Goats under 1 year old:	7	Water Fowl:	104
Horses over 1 year old:	401		

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices. In 2015, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filed with the Belchertown Board of Health office:

Dog bites:	18
Cat bites:	4
Horse bite:	1

Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 22

1 dog, 1 cat and 1 bat were sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing. All tested negative for Rabies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Flebotte
Animal Inspector

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 26,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County.

The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2015:

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
PercTest/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	95	21	10
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	41	4	0
Septic Application Review (Repair)	52	22	7
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	69	33	8
Well Application Review	45	N/A	2
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-inspections	25	140	1
Lead Paint Inspections	0	1	0
Condemnations (#of units)	0	1	0
Voucher Housing Inspections	0	18	0
Housing Court Appearances	2	5	0
Food Service Inspections (routine and complaint)	76	99	3
New or Remodeled Food Plan review	1	3	0
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	24	22	0
Beaver Permits	2	2	1
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated and Orders issued as warranted	6	25	0
Tanning Bed Licensure	2	2	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	1	0	0
Tattoo/ Body Art Establishments	2	1	0
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	1	1	N/A
Meetings / Hearings	11	19	6

Total: Inspection Activities District-wide: 912

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2015 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2016 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers Matt Dow, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk. I also would like to thank Ware Public Health Nurse Carolyn Merriam BSN, R.N. and Belchertown Public Nurse Ruth Amador, R.N. for their hard work this year.

Sincerely,
 Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O. - Director of Public Health
 Quabbin Health District

Historic District Commission

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district.

During the past year we reviewed plans for proposed work within the Historic District that did not require public hearings and therefore were issued a "Certificate of Non-Applicability". These include 19 Maple Street to repair/remodel rear portion of house; 54 South Main Street to replace parts of the roof that do not face the street with asphalt shingles. We issued Certificates of Appropriateness to the following: 5 North Main Street for the removal and replacement of broken window with new frame and glass; 10 Maple Street for remodel/renovate

front porch; 22 South Main Street for installation of new sign; 31 Main Street for remove and replace with same material, rotten porch ceiling and support beam; 56 South Main Street for demolition of shed type structure and replace with one car garage/utility building. The Commission denied two applications which includes 54 South Main Street for the removal of slate roof and replacement with asphalt shingles and 10 South Main Street for replacement of sign.

There has been one addition in the membership of this commission during 2015 and also the addition of a non-voting member.

There were no preservation awards presented during 2015 by the Historic District Commission. Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Smith, Chair
Peter Roberts
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton
Irene Mariettos
Anna Szymid Marques (non-voting member)

Historical Commission

During the past year the Historical Commission spent a lot of time discussing the former Belchertown State School and the ramifications of any development that is being planned in the future for said property.

The Historical Commission has been working on the idea of an interpretive trail and the placement of historical markers along trails that go through the property. The idea of the trail is to get to see areas of the State School grounds that people don't normally see -- to see the wildlife and the plant life that is there. We have a sub-committee that is working on getting grants to help bring the trail into existence.

We hope that next year will be a productive one for the Commission, as well as the Town of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
Maxine Oland, Vice Chairman
Patrick Bierly
Judith Gillan
Erika Hamilton
Richard Keating
Alexander Loss
Jill Bierly, Associate Member
and
Elizabeth Userwood, Consultant from UMass

Belchertown Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 12 family housing apartments, 2 apartments managed by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and a group home on East Walnut Street. The Housing Authority is managed by an Executive Director who is appointed by the elected Board of Commissioners, and is operated according to the policies of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The elderly/disabled apartments are located at 41 Everett Ave. Each unit has a living room/kitchen combination, bedroom, and bathroom. Apartments are located on first and second floors. Onsite parking is available. The office building contains a coin operative laundry room and a community room, which has additional amenities for tenant use. Heat, electricity, and trash pick-up are included in the rent. There is onsite maintenance and a 24 hour live answering service.

The family housing apartments are located on State Street and George Hannum Road. Each apartment has a living room, kitchen/dining room combination, bedrooms, laundry room, full bath on the second floor, and a half bath on the first floor. Off street parking is available. Trash pick up is included in the rent.

The rent for the above apartments are determined based upon your households' gross annual income. Family apartment rents are set at 27% of the household's monthly gross income while elderly & disabled apartment rents are set at 30% of the household's monthly gross income (as some utilities are included).

The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Ave, OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment. When the office is not open, an answering service will answer your call.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela Rogers - Executive Director
George Dion - Chairperson
Nancy Delgado-Bachmann - Board Member
Kenneth Dorey - Board Member
Barbara Chiappetta - Board Member

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department issued thirty five (35) new construction-building permits for single-family residences.

The number of permits for the year totaled 1,842. New Single-family residence permits for the year 2015 stayed consistent with last year's number and increased in comparison to previous year 2013 and significantly over years 2012-17; 2011-15; 2010-38; 2009-22 and 2008-19.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector; Christopher Hubbard and Charles Lydon are serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector; Richard Rosazza, David Sedelow and Douglas Rae are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Adzima, Director
Inspection Services

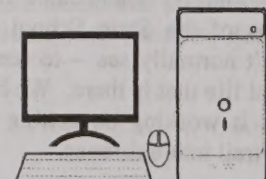
IT (Information Technology)

2015 kept the IT Department busy with bringing many of our systems up to current standards. Most notable is that most of our buildings now have private and public Wi-Fi access. There are many internal projects including a storage refresh, numerous server upgrades, and a new disaster recovery plan for critical IT services.

Also worth mentioning are a new Recreation Department website and the ability for residents to access a self-service online dog registration. These along with other ongoing town services can be found at www.belchertown.org

Thank you,

Kevin Hannon
IT Director



Lakes Committee

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2015, the Committee has met 7 times and has been working with the Tri-Lakes Association and local residents to develop a Lake/Boating Regulations and Bylaw. The purpose of these regulations is to protect the public health and safety and to establish a uniform process by which the Lake Committee/Town can review and regulate activities that affect the lakes and other water-bodies within the Town. This Bylaw was approved at the May 11, 2015 Town meeting.

On May 31, 2014 the Lake Committee sponsored a lakes public outreach event at the Town Beach, located on Lake Arcadia, in partnership with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, (PVPC) and the Recreation Department to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for the towns waterbodies. The Lake Committee has hired Marc June-Wells, a limnologist, to conduct a quantitative plant survey and develop a long term integrated management program for all three lakes. This management report has been completed and we beginning the process to carry out his recommendations, one being a herbicide treatment for Holland Pond in the year 2016. The Committee is seeking additional funding for these activities.

The Commission and DPW were awarded a \$42,000 319 Non-Point Pollutant Discharge Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Resources. Currently there is direct stormwater discharge and runoff flowing into Lake Arcadia. The proposed work is to provide treatment of stormwater from pipes and direct surface runoff that discharge directly into the lake. Currently there are two catch basins and a series of overland flows that discharge directly into the lake. The work at Lake Arcadia is located on Federal Street along the southwest shore near the intersection of Metacomet Street. A 604B Water Quality grant was awarded to the Town in 2012 to investigate water quality issues and identify any potential stormwater runoff issues surrounding the lakes area. This one location was identified as an area of great concern. The Belchertown Conservation Commission and DPW is currently working with PVPC to address

the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet the water quality and other agreed-upon goals for this lake. This pollution prevention work and project will be especially beneficial to all 3 lakes.

The Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2016 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman
Bonnie Strickland, Vice Chairman
Kathi Smith, Clerk
Jennica Mainville
Cathy LeBlond

Parks, Beach and Recreation Department

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching active and leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Through the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches and the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors we were able to offer clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, field hockey, baton twirling, soccer, art, yoga, tai chi, dance and kayaking. We welcomed back some of our old favorites such as horseback riding, Sing-It-Loud, safe sitter, cupcake creations, continue to grow in numbers each year. Some of the new programs we introduced this year included; Frisbee, jujitsu, cake decorating, on your mark, get set, run, creating young scientists, rings & things crafting, chess and exploring the outdoors. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal.

We welcomed back many familiar faces along with new patrons this past summer to the Town Beach. We have now completed renovations with our bathhouses and changing rooms. We continue our work in our efforts to improve the concession stand and parking lot.

With the support of our loyal patrons we are able to continue to offer the following programs at our community indoor pool: Stingray's Swim Team; American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, both group experiences and private lessons; morning water exercise classes; lap

swimming and family swim. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the fall and winter months. Private schools, town schools and area boys and girls organizations continued to use the facility this past year. The Stingray swim team received a grant this past year for an Automated External Defibrillator which was donated to the pool. We would like to thank our loyal patrons for their patients and understanding while our pool was closed for major repair and maintenance.

The Belchertown Recreation Center continues to offer programming such as Safe Sitter, Wetland Exploration, cake decorating, jujitsu, tai chi, yoga and dance. The Center is becoming more popular as a place to rent for children's birthday parties or meetings. This past year, the Recreation Center has completed remodeling the space.



As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

To learn more about what we offer please check out our website at www.belchertown.org/rec or signup for our electronic email which sends news of our upcoming programs right to your home computer.

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board met monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, assuming there was business to conduct.

Members starting the year included Katharine Higgins-Shea, Simon James, Nancy Bachmann, and Noah Pefaur; Chris Abbuhl joined in April. The following miscellaneous actions were acted upon:

The Board met on February 19, 2015 to consider:

- A request from the Recreation Director to change title and job description of Recreation Administrative Assistant to Recreation Department Assistant II/Office Manager and classify grade based upon job description and change title and job description of Department Clerk to Technical Office Assistant – Program Manager and classify grade based upon job description.

Action taken:

- Board voted to change title and job description as presented by Mr. Opalenik from Recreation Administrative Assistant to Recreation Department Assistant II/Office Manager. The Board classified the new position as a Grade 6.
- Board voted to change title and job description as presented by Mr. Opalenik from Department Clerk to Technical Office Assistant – Program Manager. The Board classified the new position as a Grade 5.

The Board met on September 30, 2015 to consider:

- A request from the Recreation Director to make a part time hourly wage employee rate range adjustment.
- A request from the Town Administrator to make a part time hourly wage employee rate range adjustment.

Actions taken:

- Board voted to change the range per Requests

Respectfully submitted,

Personnel Board Members

Katharine Higgins-Shea, Chairman

Simon James

Nancy Bachmann

Noah Pefaur

Chris Abbuhl

Planning Board

In 2015, the Planning Board initiated and pursued several zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan - The Planning Board worked to implement the recommendations of the 2009 Community Plan in multiple ways:

The planning department continued working with Mass in Motion, a grant-funded public health program. This is a collaboration with the consultant, and with the health, conservation and public works departments. This is a continual project that will work to integrate pedestrian and bicycle facilities to promote physical activity, community vitality, and alternatives to cars. This project is to encourage more walking in town for health, recreation, support of community businesses, and other activities that are fostered by pedestrian activity.

Related to the work on promoting public health through planning, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission performed an exhaustive analysis of Belchertown's land use regulations, primarily the zoning bylaw, the subdivision regulations, and the Community Plan, as to how they can be improved to facilitate improved public health. Out of this came several useful recommendations for things the town can do as we grow, such as improving and adding sidewalks, increasing pedestrian awareness and safety, and having town departments work together to combine resources and insights to better serve the community.

The Planning Board also sponsored a seminar given by Joel Russell, Executive Director of the Form-Based Codes Institute, on *Form-Based Codes*. These are zoning and design regulations that are focused on the built environment rather than how the land is used. This can result in designs for buildings and the public spaces between them that create more attractive and efficient construction that encourages community activity.

The planning department continued to work with the EDIC and MassDevelopment in promoting and guiding growth on the former state school campus and its vicinity. The Neighborhood Business Center zone adopted last year is to

create a vibrant new neighborhood with a mix of uses that is sensitive to the history of the state school and its residents, that promotes development designed with the natural features, and that provides for business and residential opportunities not previously accommodated in town. Construction is to use current technologies in energy efficiency and storm water management; it also is to integrate pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities. This is the concept of a community-oriented built environment that we seek to foster also in the areas surrounding the campus to eventually develop an integrated, active, and healthy community for everyone.

The Planning Board continued involvement with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce to discuss how to support small business development. The Town Planner represented Belchertown at several functions. In the spring, we took a survey of businesses in town to find out what they are, how long they've been around, and what their needs are. By far, most businesses based in Belchertown are sole proprietorships that are based in people's residences. Few have employees, and they nearly all rely on internet sales or consultations. The main deficiencies in town noted by these businesses are slow internet service and poor mobile telephone signals.

The Planning Board looks for every planning effort to be a community project. Community contributions and insights are what result in plans that work for us because they are from us. Cooperation and positive spirit can bring good results.

Development Activity - Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Thirty-five new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that

simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

Street

North Washington Street	7
Bardwell Street	6
South Washington Street	6
Sargent Street	4
South Liberty Street	4
Lamson Avenue	2
Allen Road	1
Bay Road	1
Boardman Street	1
Old Enfield Road	1
Sabin Street	1
Warner Street	1
Total Lots	35

The Planning Board monitored 13 subdivisions under construction during 2015. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

Two subdivisions were given certificates of completion in 2015. These were Crestview Drive and the first two phases of Old Sawmill Road. The definitive plan for Phase 3 of Old Sawmill Road was approved. There was one preliminary subdivision plan that was approved for a street off Bardwell Street.

The Planning Board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The Board works with developers to create a work plan and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews - The Planning Board approved site plans for the Grantham Group to build an assisted living facility at the former Belchertown State School campus; for Surner Heating Company, Inc. to install propane storage; for Universal Forest Products to build a lumber storage shed; and for a small auto repair shop on North Liberty Street. Two site plans were amended: a commercial solar electricity project off Springfield Road and an office building on Bridge Street. Another site plan for to install expand parking at an auto repair shop is under review at the year's end.

The Planning Board granted special permits for three accessory apartments; an application for an earth removal special permit at Bardwell Street; a telephone tower application for Franklin Street; an auto dealership on State Street; and a common drive on North Washington Street. One special permit for earth removal was extended.

Planning Projects and Recommendations -

The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Other Work of the Planning Department -

The Planning Board's web page is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links. We also oversee the town's Geographic Information System, including working with the vendors for the site available to the public on the web site.

Continuous activities of the planning office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The Board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The planning department provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and to MassDevelopment on the state school redevelopment.

The Town Planner has been very active as a member of the Pioneer Valley Development Council and in the regional housing plan committee. Regional priority development areas and priority protection areas were developed through this. The Town Planner is also on the ad hoc Quaboag Transportation Needs committee and the Quaboag Regional Economic Development committee.

The Town Planner manages the planning office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Town Planner is on the Board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Committee.

Planning is always made better by having good information.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership in 2015 was as follows:

- Daniel Beaudette, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2016);
- Christopher Laurenzo, Chair (term expires: 2017);
- Donna Lusignan, Clerk (term expires: 2018);
- James Natle, Vice Chair (term expires: 2019);
- Michael Hofler, and Single Signature authority (term expires: 2020);
- Sierra Pelletier, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits. (Appointed annually)

Past members during the year are:

- Robert Wojtczak, (term expired in 2015);
- George Synan, (term expired in 2015).

We especially thank George Synan who was with us for 14 years and who gave many hours of dedicated service to the town. He chaired the Board for two years, participated in creating the Community Plan and its revision, and

continually worked for economic development and to maintain Belchertown's character and appeal.

Staff

Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary; Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson,
Town Planner

Belchertown Police Department

The Police Department answered approximately 13,974 calls for service in 2015. As a result of these calls 231 individuals were arrested and/or summoned to court. Officers investigated 279 motor vehicle crashes and issued 1,462 traffic citations. A total of 830 incident reports were completed. In comparison to the previous year, there was an increase in incident reports generated, citations issued and accident reports taken but a minimal decrease in arrests.

During the year there was an increase in drug overdose related calls. Officers responding to these calls on several occasions had to use Narcan. Residents are reminded to secure their vehicles and homes to prevent thefts. In addition, there were several phone scams where callers attempted to get information from residents and in some cases were successful. Again, residents are reminded not to divulge any personal information.

We continue to utilize grant funding for the purpose of traffic enforcement that allows the department to have focused patrols in this area. During 2015, the Department received a total of \$7,500 from the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Public Safety. The Department continues to receive numerous complaints from residents pertaining to motor vehicle infractions and attempts to address this problem by identifying problematic areas where patrols are then directed. From the communications side, a State 911 training grant award of \$10,000 was utilized for mandated continuing education and 911 support, and incentive grant funds totaling \$31,036.00 were used for 911 related equipment acquisitions and upgrades.

During the year, the department experienced the departure of several employees. Chief Francis Fox began his career with the department in 1988 as a Patrol Officer. He then served as a school resource officer then sergeant prior to being promoted to Chief and served the community for 27 years. Officer Jacob Strange left for a position with the Springfield Police Department and Officer Jason Christofori left for a position with the Massachusetts State Police. The patrol officer vacancies have resulted in having one to two open patrol positions which are filled by part time or full time officers on an interim basis. One of the previously open positions was filled when part time Officer Christopher Mayo was appointed full time and subsequently completed the Police Academy. Currently, Officer Jordyn Bradway is attending the full time academy and is scheduled to graduate in February of 2016. Officer Bradway was also a part time Officer prior to her full time appointment.

Our communications center has also experienced personnel changes. Mary Rattell, who served as the Administrative Secretary to the Chief of Police/Dispatch Supervisor, retired after over 25 years of service. As a result of Mary's departure, David Squires, who previously served as Senior Dispatcher, was promoted to her former position. Michael Neiford became the Senior Dispatcher and Jeffrey Hastings a former part time Dispatcher became the 4pm to midnight dispatcher. Part time Dispatchers James Baj, Emily Oles and Emily Tebo resigned during the year. Roy Landry and Madeline Souleotis were hired and began their training. As the year comes to a close we have once again posted advertisements seeking additional part time dispatch staff.

I would like to personally thank all the staff here at the Department, as well the Town Administrator, Selectmen and department heads as they have provided valuable assistance as we transition to having a new Chief take over command of the Department in the early part of 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Jenks, Acting Chief

Our department consists of the following members:

Sergeants:

Bruce Jenks (serving as Acting Chief)
Kevin Pacunas
William Panto
Steven Henn, Jr.

Detective:

John Raymer, Jr.

Full Time Patrol Officers:

Edward Oey
Valerie Austin
Adam Brougham
Neil Lozier
Jason Krol
Dennis Fitzgerald
Michael Roney
Michael Beaupre
Robert Mann
Christopher Mayo
Jordyn Bradway

Part Time Patrol Officers:

David Conkey
Peter Gaj
Jeremiah McBride
Edward Smith
Justin Roy
Courtney Call
Michael Jablonski
Robert Ivey
Jeremy Burns
Andrew Letendre

Auxiliary Officers:

Joseph Boyle
Joseph Bergdoll
Vincent Daponte
Stephanie Cusson
Blake Chestna

Communications:

David Squires, Administrative Secretary to the Chief of Police/Dispatch Supervisor
Michael Neiford, Senior Dispatcher
Jean Flores, Dispatcher
Mary Long, Dispatcher
Jeffrey Hastings, Dispatcher

Part Time Dispatchers:

Maurice Lalumiere
Kevin Vanzandt
Roy Landry
Madeline Souleotis

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works rollercoasted through another exciting and productive year -- We conquered an arctic winter season of mass proportion, gained some much needed additional pothole and road repair money in the amount of \$94,753 from the Massachusetts Winter Recovery Application Program, received a Green Communities Competitive Grant in the amount of \$53,022 for the installation of some much needed building upgrades and the installation of a new PetroVend Fuel Management System and Software Program, received a Community Preservation Grant in the amount of \$7,550 for cemetery upgrades and had MassDOT finally approve the contract for the much anticipated Route 181 Reconstruction and Roadway Project. In addition, this Department's annual list of projects and routine maintenance, along with the ever growing list of state and local compliance issues for the town, continues to reach exceeding levels of exhaustion that requires more manpower, equating to more hours and expenses than our budget can account for.

One word defined this year's winter season: Polar! We began our winter trek head on and knee deep trudging through 28 snow events for winter season 2015; eight of those occurring during the month of January alone. On January 27, 2015 blizzard "Juno" hit the east coast of historic proportions based on predicted heavy snowfall, high winds, and power outages forcing Governor Deval Patrick to declare a State of Emergency. In February we experienced seven staggered snow events and in March we saw an additional three which led us into springtime before old man winter finally gave up. As a result, snowbanks of volcanic height stood on nearly every street corner making this department's main focus and operation to push back, scale down or in most cases remove and haul snow off site to ensure visually safe street corners. Total snow accumulations totaled 82 inches before winter ceased. Alongside our fleet was the town's private plowing snow contractors who dedicated 2,385 plowing hours this winter season and to whom this Department remains grateful to year after year for their major support and assistance towards keeping our roads open and passable.

On March 20, 2015, new Governor Elect Charles D. Baker announced the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) in the amount of \$30 million dollars statewide to be allocated through Chapter 90 process for pothole and winter recovery projects. The Town of Belchertown's FY'15 portion was \$94,753. Under this allocation the town was able to seek reimbursement for patching potholes and cracks, paving, resurfacing road defects and replacing damaged signs, guardrails, storm drains and line striping due to winter damage. The Department of Public Works wasted no time and quickly conducted reclamation/paving work on the following streets; all work was completed well in advance of the June 30, 2015 deadline:

Blue Meadow Road
Chadbourne Street
Dressel Avenue

Forest Road
Lloyd Avenue
Railroad Street

South Street
South Liberty Street

GREEN COMMUNITIES

This Department handles all aspects of the continuing Green Communities reporting, now completing its sixth year of reporting since its designation in May of 2010. The Department successfully submitted its Annual Report on October 29, 2014 to the Department of Environmental Resources (DOER), with its 20+% decrease in overall energy savings for the town. Belchertown was awarded for its achievement as only one of eight cities/towns to have achieved this requirement having reached its reduction goals each and every year of the programs five year benchmark. Hence in March, the Department of Public Works was able to apply for and receive a Green Community

Competitive Grant through the Department of Energy Resources (DOER). On June 30, 2015, the Department was awarded \$53,022 for the following projects:

- Electronic Fuel Management System, Software & Behavioral Based Program: \$17,706.20
- New Harvey Exterior Storm Windows (76)–Freedom Center: \$12,274.09
- New Harvey Exterior Storm Windows (70)–Recreation Center: \$11,373.99
- New Viessman Boiler w/Riello Burner –Old Town Hall: \$9,983.00

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION GRANT

The Department of Public Works also applied for and received a CPA Grant in the amount of \$7,550 for Cemetery Field Work to include

setting bounds, pins and stakes located in the South, Hillcrest, and Evergreen Cemeteries.

ROADWAYS & RECONSTRUCTION

On Wednesday January 21, 2015, the Route 181 Reconstruction Footprints Road Project construction bid was finally awarded to Ludlow Construction in the amount of \$8,755,739.70. The paving of 5.65 miles along Route 181 from the town center south to the Belchertown/Palmer

town line finally received approval in June. MassDOT held its first supervisors construction "kick-off" meeting on July 15, 2015, followed by the submittal of a baseline schedule of work to be performed through the project's progression, as noted here.

<i>Month – Year 2015- 2016</i>	<i>Work to be Performed</i>
August / September	Clear & Grubb for Utility Location
September	Clear & Grub for Roadway Widening
September thru November	Stonewall Relocation
September thru November	Excavation/ Installation of Water Lines
September thru November	Excavation /Installation of Sewer Lines
December thru March- 2015/2016	Winter Shut down

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The Department of Public Works continues to review all Stormwater Management applications throughout the year, thus completing 36 applications in 2015. The Department's Annual Stormwater Training for all divisions was held

on April 14, 2015, and conducted by Jennifer Cavanaugh, project engineer from Fuss & O'Neil, who documents and records the Department's activity for the year and in order for the Department to maintain compliance.

EARTH DAY

The Department celebrated its annual Earth Day event on Wednesday, April 21, 2015, by offering town recyclable orange trash bags for residents wishing to partake in the collection of roadside trash. A total of 280 small trash bags were given out to 21 participants who collected trash in

various locations throughout the town. All trash was disposed of at the town's Transfer Station. The Department wishes to thank all town residents who participated in this year's Earth Day event and appreciates your efforts towards keeping our community green.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

On Sunday July 18, 2015, Eagle Scout Wesley Lupa led Boy Scout Troop 57 with planting a memorial garden consisting of a tree, flowering shrubs, sitting bench and plaque in memory of DPW employee Dennis Daniels, who passed

away one year ago. The Department is grateful the Scouts chose our site for this much welcomed garden, which can be visited at the DPW Highway Garage located at 290 Jackson Street.

SAFETY

Our Safety Committee was active this past year as well. They organized departmental training in several topics including: Work Zone/Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out,

Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walk-through of the DPW buildings to insure safe work practices and improvements were being implemented.

SURPLUSED/SALVAGED VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

In 2015, the Department surplused the following vehicles:

- 1997 Ford E350 Van
- 1987 Chevy, D-30 Pickup Truck
- Husqvarna Tractor/Mower

- 1997 Ford Lgtcon, 1 Ton Dump Truck
- Highway Sander, P81
- 9' Fisher Minute Mount Plow
- 8' Fisher Minute Mount Plow
- 7.5' Fisher Minute Mount Plow

HIGHWAY DIVISION

On January 30, 2015, this division bid a fond farewell to its longtime Highway Supervisor, Walter Bosworth, who entered into retirement after serving within the Department of Public Works for 20+ years. His knowledge of our town's roadways and construction capabilities contributed greatly to this division.

In May, Christopher Laurenzo was welcomed in as our new Highway Supervisor. We look forward to his leadership, experience, and contribution in the field towards accomplishing the many tasks placed upon this Department.

The Highway Division strives endlessly towards keeping our roads well-traveled and maintained during all seasons of the year. During the 2014-2015 snow removal season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the

roadways was \$5,415.18 approximately 30.67% higher than 2013/2014 season. The total cost for the season was \$444,045.

The months between the snow seasons were spent performing the normal array of activities that included crack sealing, drainage repairs, clearing of brush and vegetation from the roadsides, removing debris and sediment from detention basins/ catch basins, street sweeping, sign installation, line painting and repairing equipment. In addition, the crew repaired potholes well into December, as we were relieved from an early winter.

The Division was responsible for the preparations for all resurfacing/reclamation/overlay projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings.

Street	Length/Ft	Cost
Orchard Street	3000'	\$ 90,000
Springfield Road	4600'	\$151,000
Rockrimmon Street	4500'	\$135,000
West Street	7227'	\$217,000
Fletcher	1025'	\$ 12,000
Munsell Street	1550'	\$ 20,000
Canal Drive	800'	\$ 12,000
North Liberty Street	1500'	\$ 25,000
East Street	3800'	\$ 43,000

Totals: 9 streets; 28,002 feet; cost: \$705,000.00

Crack Sealing

Bay Road	15,790'	\$22,000
Stebbins Street	8722'	\$12,000
Turkey Hill Road	5070'	\$ 7,300
Chauncey Walker Street	13,741'	\$20,000
Howard Street	2548'	\$ 2,000
Jabish Street	4171'	\$ 6,000

Totals: 6 streets; 50,042 feet; cost: \$69,300.00

PUBLIC WAY ACQUISITIONS

This year the Department of Public Works, working in conjunction with town counsel advice and the Planning Board, set out to redefine the chronology and procedures necessary when releasing a subdivision/roadway and in order to assure the developers of individual projects conform to the proper release covenants and restrictions governing property. In doing so, the town would obtain full granted access to all easements prior to the release of a property.

On November 9, 2015, the Department of Public Works requested the Board of Selectmen to vote their intention to lay out both Crestview Drive and Old Sawmill Road (Hunters Ridge, Phases 1 & 11) as public ways. With approval from the Planning Board, this process was then approved to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held in May, 2016.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

This year the User Sewer Charge System was amended and voted on unanimously by town residents at the Annual Town Meeting which was held on Monday, May 18, 2015. In addition, new sewer rates reflected a \$10.00 per/EDU increase for FY'16 as noted:

- South End Sewer from \$696.00 per EDU/Year to \$706.00 per EDU/Year (+ \$10.00)
- Central District Sewer from \$789.00 per EDU/Year to \$799.00 per EDU/Year (+ \$10.00)

The Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 120,517,000 gallons of wastewater this past year; lower than what was received in 2014 (156,600,000 gallons). They also had 18 new connections during the year, six of them were from within the Tri-Lakes sewer system and 13 came from the Central Sewer area. This brings the total number of customers served to 1,724 equivalent dwelling units.

The Department also completed the ninth year of our 10-year inflow and infiltration mitigation

plan that was adopted to identify areas which are allowing groundwater to enter the collection system. During 2015, activities included visual inspections of trouble areas, video inspections, and a cleaning of approximately 9500 feet of collection system.

Other sewer maintenance included and the replacement of the entire South Main Street and Mill Valley Road sewer system during the Route 181 Redesign and Construction Project. In addition, the WWTP personnel assisted the DPW on rebuilding of nine sewer structures, completed the replacement of a distressed section of the Jackson Street sewer main, and cleaned over 1000 feet of storm sewer culverts as well.

The Department also worked on some facility and pumping station repairs and improvements to include one clarifier dismantle repair and rebuild, installation of two facility ground water relief lines, a 40 hp. motor replacement, an automatic valve actuator replacement and a decanter mechanism drive replacement.

TRANSFER STATION

This Department continues to monitor all aspects of the town's waste disposal activities with regards to residential permit access, proper disposal of recyclables, solid waste disposal in town purchased orange bags and all other activities that correlate to our Transfer Station Rules & Regulations. With the assistance of our surveillance cameras 50 violations were noted and letters were sent to those residents identified as not adhering to the town's set regulations. The annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations can be found on the town's website located at www.belchertown.org. DPW link/page.

Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1,620 which continues to vary slightly for those who participate in our disposal/recycling program. The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during the year 2015.

<i>Recyclable</i>	<i>Per Unit(s)</i>	<i>Year 2014</i>	<i>Year 2015</i>
Paper & Cardboard (co-mingled)	Tons	465.96	573.20
Waste Oil (gals)	Single	350	1500
Tires (single)	Tons	5.14	5.67
Solid Waste (tons)	Tons	594.56	720.55
Electronics (tons)	Tons	15.185	14.95
Scrap Steel (tons)	Tons	49.74	58.98
Textile (tons)	Tons	3.9	3.93

In addition, the Department was able to maintain pricing now entering into its seventh year in a row (since FY'09) for a Transfer Station Permit Sticker fee set at \$100.00 per year and discounted for senior citizens age 65+ at \$80.00. Effective FY'16 prices were increased per bundle for both large and small bags. Currently large bags sell for \$19.00 per bundle of 10 (up \$2.00 per bundle FY'15) and small bags per bundle of 10 now sell for \$13.00 (up \$1.00 per bundle FY'15). Bags may be purchased at a variety of stores, town offices and at the Transfer Station.

The Department applied for and received \$2,800 from the MassDEP "Sustainable Materials Recovery Program" in which payments are provided to municipalities who maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction.

The Department was able to receive \$1,800 from "Recycling Dividend Funds" and \$1,000 from "Small-Scale Initiative Funds" (\$1,000). Whereas municipalities receive payments according to the number of criteria points earned in the program, the Department earned a total of nine points through its "Pay as You Throw Program", yard waste drop off, bulky items collected and its reciprocal Hazardous Waste Collection Event, held in August, 2015. In turn, this funding will be contributed towards our annual orange recycling trash bag purchase, to assist with budgetary costs.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

On Saturday, August 8, 2015, we conducted a Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day event with host company, Clean Harbors Environmental, from 9am to 12noon. This year's program was a reciprocal event that hosted anyone living within the Pioneer Valley Reciprocal Community. Belchertown households served totaled 106 with five attendees; one from each of the following cities/towns from:

Whately, West Springfield, South Hadley, Chicopee and Granby. Official household totals consisted of: 41 Full Households, 40 Half Households and 29 Quarter Households served. As always, this event is most welcomed by our town residents, as it gives them an opportunity to dispose of their collected hazardous waste materials properly. Our next hazardous waste collection event will occur in year 2017.

CEMETERY DIVISION

In 2015, the Department conducted a total of 39 burials consisting of 17 earthen burials, 21 cremations and 1 pauper burial. In addition, 12 deeds were issued for 20 lots, and 2 lots were transferred back to the town for re-sale. Other routine activities included archiving lot sales, mapping, grounds maintenance, lot layouts, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows and headstone repair.

The Belchertown Cemetery Division continues to archive all deceased within the Town of Belchertown on a continual basis. The Department now retains 3,624 burial recordings dating back to year 1795; all of which are currently housed in fire-proof file cabinets for the preservation of these important documents for years to come.

BUILDINGS GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE

The Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Division was extremely busy during 2015 caring for all town buildings, 200+ acres of grounds/open space to include recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, all of which were time consuming, required knowledge of, and geared towards decreasing energy costs to the town as well as preparing for future harsh weather events as were experienced this past year.

Below is a list, to name a few, of the projects this division conducted:

- Installed new boiler at Old Town Hall
- Replaced 146 Harvey Storm Windows at the Recreation and Freedom Center Buildings
- Replaced four windows at Belchertown Day School
- Replaced fire alarm at Belchertown Family Center
- Replaced fire alarm at the Fire Station
- Replaced hot water heater at Police Station
- Built a carport at the Police Station to house ten vehicles
- Replanted trees on Town Common
- Replaced the generator at the EMS Building
- Repaired 38 mailboxes due to winter season damage
- Constructed a new staircase and platform to the main house at Transfer Station
- Seeded and fertilized all recreation and school fields
- Conducted annual repairs to Town Common; grading, loaming, seeding to re-establish the turf
- Assisted with the annual setup and removal of Belchertown Fair components
- Repaired baseball fields at High School and Jabish Brook School.

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL

On November 24, 2015, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), on behalf of Gov. Charles Baker and Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEA), selected our submitted "Tree Risk Assessment Inventory for Belchertown" for a Massachusetts DCR Urban and Community Forest Challenge Grant, in the amount of \$8,000. This funding will be utilized towards tree stewardship, community based inventory and urban forest management.

As with every year, the Town's Tree Warden attends the Massachusetts Tree Warden & Foresters Association Annual Conference in

order to receive recertification and accreditation to conduct work in the field. In year 2015, Belchertown's Tree Warden, Steve Williams, supervised the removal of 66 trees consisting of the following varieties: 11 oak, three ash, nine pine, 34 maples, one locus, five cherry, one birch, one hickory and one elm. National Grid also removed 39 town trees. All of these trees were diseased, damaged, or deceased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter. In addition, numerous on-site visits were conducted in order to determine various reports of tree damage caused by weather damage, rot, or infestation.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to each of our employees (listed below), for another year of hard work and long list of accomplishments.

- Dylan Bachand, WWTP Laborer/Maintenance Division Laborer
- Christopher Besancon, Maintenance Division Laborer
- Heather Blanchard, WWTP Operator I
- Max Bock, Buildings & Grounds, Supervisor
- Walter Bosworth, Highway Division Supervisor
- Darin Braese, Highway Division Operator I/II
- Ed Burton, Highway Division, Foreman
- Terry Chevalier, DPW Laborer
- David Clegg, Buildings & Grounds, Foreman
- Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I
- Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operation's Supervisor
- Darren Gallagher, Transfer Station Laborer
- John Grossman, Maintenance Division/ DPW Laborer
- Anthony Hurtado, Transfer Station Laborer/WWTP Laborer
- Karl Jensen, Maintenance Custodian
- Christopher Johnson, Maintenance Division Laborer
- Denis Lessard, Highway Division Operator II

- Christopher Laurenzo, Highway Division Supervisor
- Donna Lusignan, Administrative Assistant
- Sean Madden, Maintenance Division/DPW Laborer
- David Martel, Highway Division Mechanic
- John Panzetti, DPW Highway Division Operator I
- Leo Peet, Highway Division Operator
- Ronald Ritter, Highway Division Operator I/Laborer
- Lenny Russell, Transfer Station Supervisor
- Stephen Sikes, Highway Division Mechanic
- Scot Swistak, Highway Division Operator II
- Samantha Taylor, Maintenance Custodian
- David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I

Seasonal/Part-time Employees

- Adam Luipold - Maintenance Division
- Patrick Luipold - Maintenance Division
- Jeff Grossman - Maintenance Division
- Lawrence Belbin - Highway Division
- Kenneth Sheret - Highway Division

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams,
Director of Public Works



Scholarship Committee

The Belchertown Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors living in Belchertown. The Committee depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown for contributions. Contributions can be sent to the Belchertown Scholarship Fund c/o the Town of Belchertown's Tax Collector or contributors can add a contribution to their tax payments via the designated portion of their tax bill.

The Committee has the following voluntary members; Rev. Emmanuel Haqq, Karol Coffin, Sharon Barnett, Theresa Przybylowicz, Heidi Dufresne and Simon James, Chairman.

We started 2015 with a balance of \$1,455.15 and ended it with a balance of \$870.22. We received donations and interest of \$415.07. We paid out \$1,000.00 in scholarships: two scholarships, each for \$500.00, to Richard H. Kim and Jessica Zalucki.

Please consider a donation to help the children of Belchertown with their education expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon James, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

SCHOOLS

Belchertown Public Schools

Superintendent of Schools: The Belchertown Public Schools remain committed to the belief in *Success for Every Student Every Day*. I had the privilege of joining the Belchertown education community on January 1, 2015, as the new Superintendent. Beginning midyear, the budget was first and foremost on the list of immediate responsibilities to prepare for Town Meeting approval in the spring. While the School Committee formed the Finance and Budget Subcommittee, administrators and staff began the process of identifying the needs of our students. Information from school and district personnel was presented to the Finance and Budget subcommittee who worked with the Business Manager, Superintendent, other School Committee members, and met with the Town Finance Committee several times to understand the needs of the District within the context of the Town budget. Fortunately in May, the budget passed with an increase of 1.9% over the FY15 budget.

Our graduation rate was well above the State average and overall students' performance continued to outscore the State average in English Language Arts and Science. Although our student population has been in decline recently, this year there was a substantial increase in the number of students who chose to attend school in Belchertown, even though they do not live in our community. This shift reflected the solid reputation and reality of our School System.

The 5 year Strategic Plan, which provided the direction for the school system since 2010, expired on June 30, 2015. The first step in creating a new Strategic Plan was to develop a Vision Statement for the School District. This was done through a series of open public meetings with the Vision Team at each school, which identified the attributes students needed to be successful after graduation from the Belchertown Public Schools in the 21st century. The next step in this process is to identify what is needed educationally to accomplish the vision. The goal is for the new Strategic Plan to be created and ready for implementation in July of 2016. In addition, the 5 year Technology Plan was updated to continue the direction of technology improvements. Simultaneously the decision was made to move toward implementing Google Apps for Education which provides multiple web based possibilities for instruction.

Due to an increase in student health needs, the District added a half time floating nurse to the staff who supports students wherever needed. At BHS a specialized class was added as a continuance of the K-8 Social Emotional program which had existed for many years. To ensure a vertical and horizontal alignment of curriculum, lesson implementation and assessments, the Director of Teaching and Learning position was restored. This critical position impacts every faculty member and student in our district in regard to the content and quality of our instruction.

I encourage you to read each of the contributions by the various school departments in this Annual Report in order to learn more about the work of the Belchertown Education Community. Thank you for entrusting us with the children and young adults in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Karol G. Coffin,
Superintendent of Schools

Student Support Services: The year started off with our English Language Learner (ELL) students participating for a third year in the "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS)" testing. This assessment was given to students identified as ELLs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students worked diligently on this assessment and the data obtained has helped the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated.

The addition of the 5th day of school at the preschool level continues to provide an added day of structure and academics for our youngest students, offering preschool screening days for students ages 3-5 years, and moving the Kindergarten Screening to the beginning of the school year so teachers have an up-to-date picture of their students' abilities and areas of need.

The Student Support Services Department wishes long time employees, Ellen Reardon, Speech Language Pathologist, and Teresa Mazik, Occupational Therapist, a happy and healthy retirement. Their expertise and dedication will truly be missed. We welcome Pamela Wentworth as a Speech Language Pathologist, Caitlyn Walker as a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, and Lori Osborne, as an Occupational Therapist to the District.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted their Coordinated Program Review in December 2015. As part of this Coordinated Program Review, Department staff visited the district during the week of December 14, 2015. Such visits are routinely conducted by the Department to satisfy federal and state requirements for the periodic review of specific education programs and services in schools throughout the Commonwealth. The Department

reviewed several programs during a single visit in order to use Department and school staff's time most efficiently and to encourage strong connections among the programs.

After reviewing school district procedures for these programs, a Department team conducted its onsite visit, during which it reviewed individual student records, interviewed administrators, teachers and paraprofessional staff, surveyed parents and observed instructional spaces. After the onsite visit, the Department will prepare a report for the Superintendent and School Committee with detailed findings for each program. The District is awaiting the findings of the Department's review.

The Department of Student Support Services continues to include English Language Learner instruction for students who do not speak English as their first language at school and/or at home, Section 504 plans for instructional supports, and accommodations in the general education classroom for students with identified disabilities, transportation for homeless students through McKinney-Vento, and Home/Hospital services for students with significant medical diagnoses preventing them from attending school. Basically, the Student Support Services Department does exactly what the name suggests, in that it provides support services for our students.

Finally, the Student Support Services Department continues to work hard to improve and increase communication with families and community members. I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with parents, community members and with the Parent Advisory Council to continue working collaboratively towards improving the best education to all students.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent/
Director of Student Support Services

Cold Spring School (CSS) Principal's Report:

Cold Spring School continued to be a positive learning environment for the school district's youngest students throughout the 2015 school year. Although enrollment was the smallest we've seen in many years, it provided an excellent opportunity for our 174 students to receive more individualized attention and differentiated instruction. We believe in educating the "whole child" and spent renewed

focus on our students' social, emotional and physical development. Kindergarten Teachers are using Teaching Strategies Gold to report their students' progress in these domains twice a year. This is part of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's initiative entitled, "Massachusetts Kindergarten Early Assessment", (MKEA). All of the assessment data collected by the educators is entered into a secure on-line data system. There is a new focus and emphasis being placed on the importance of early education and care across the state in an effort to prepare all students for success as they look through a new lens on Kindergarten readiness.

The Cold Spring School Council members developed a one year school improvement plan to correlate with the school district's new Bridge Plan. Both plans emphasized the importance of data collection, assessments, infusion of technology and social competencies programs. The following School Council members assisted in the creation and development of this document: Abigail Lang, Co-Chair, Parent Rep.; Lisa Stahl, Parent Rep.; Louise Butler, Community Rep.; Mary Dulchinos, Teacher Rep.; Catherine Wesloski, Teacher Rep.; and Sandra Bremer, Co-Chair, Administration.

A kindergarten grant was authored once again by Principal Sandra Bremer, and awarded to Cold Spring School to enhance the quality of their full day program. The funding of this grant emphasizes smaller staff to student ratios and targets smooth transitions from preschool to kindergarten and first grade. We were delighted to be able to offer all incoming families a new booklet, "Making the Transition to Kindergarten" at Kindergarten Registration which was held in March. This booklet is filled with information and activities to help prepare all children for entry into kindergarten and was made possible through our Collaborative for Educational Services (CES). Our preschool program includes three and four year olds and serves as a perfect stepping stone for kindergarten readiness. Twenty-two of our preschoolers entered the kindergarten program while one hundred and forty-one of our kindergarten students were promoted to first grade housed at the Swift River Elementary School.

Cold Spring School is fortunate indeed to have a very robust Volunteer Program, an active Foster

Grandparent Program and an extremely supportive PTO. All of these organizations allow us to provide enrichment activities, additional resources and materials to extend the students' overall learning experiences. The 2015 PTO officers that served so diligently are: MaryBeth DiNapoli, Co-President; Vinnie Mazzaferro, Co-President; Kate Lambert, Treasurer; and Sarah Courchesne, Secretary. The CSS staff and faculty are grateful and appreciative to be able to collaborate with such dedicated individuals in providing our youngest students with an exceptional learning experience due to their collective efforts, contributions and service. We are proud to have been able to provide them with a solid foundation as they embark on their educational journey within the Belchertown Public School district.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Sandra Bremer, Principal
Cold Spring School

Swift River Elementary School (SRE)
Principal's Report: The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2015 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement through improving assessment and instruction with scientifically based researched programs and differentiated instructional practices to meet the needs of all students with on-going professional development. As a school, we strive to meet the diverse needs of our students and prepare them with the foundation for College and Career Readiness in the 21st Century. The total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two and three is 504 students.

At the start of our 2014-2015 school year there were some adjustments made to our staffing ratios among the regular education teachers between the first and second grade levels. Due to declining enrollment of kindergarten students transitioning to first grade the decision was made to move a first grade teacher to second grade to balance class size at each grade level. By January of 2015 our school choice seats offered in grades 1st, 2nd and 3rd mostly filled, which resulted in larger class sizes in all grade levels. We continue to monitor enrollment numbers to make

informed decisions on the impact of our classrooms.

We continue to make great improvement in the area of technology. We provided professional development opportunities to all staff through our IT department to advance our understanding and usage to meet our School Improvement Plan initiatives. Our school based instructional technologist continues to provide in-house training, trouble shooting and speeding up responses to questions and offering 1:1 help and professional development on a variety of topics . Over the past school year we have started to integrate more technology within the first and second grade classrooms by providing 4-5 iPad's for students to reinforce skills and opportunities for station or center work to utilize regenerative software programs which teachers can use for multiple purposes. Our teachers continue to attain higher levels of proficiency by integrating lessons while using a variety of technologies such as interactive projectors, mimeo vote, document camera's, and the use of other software programs that support skill development in each of the grade levels. We have furthered our use of technology to online software for students that have 24/7 access to information in math, social studies, biographies, science, and English Language Arts. All staff has been provided with the technology basics with a white board, interactive projector and a laptop with the addition of wireless internet throughout the building. Our IT department continues to make improvements to make our technology more dependable and secure. There is on-going training provided by the district to enhance the usage of this equipment within their classrooms to give students the opportunity to access the best and most current information on subject matter. In addition, we have enhanced our computer lab within the Library which is accessible to all students in grades 1, 2 and 3 by mounting an overhead interactive projector to offer better delivery of instruction to all the students. Over the summer of 2015 the library computer lab received attention once more by replacing outdated carpet with tile flooring. This improvement generated a healthier environment for students. We will continue to explore other enhancements to better service our school community.

We are continuing our efforts this year with the PeaceBuilders program in order to support students in solving problems peacefully and in

building community. One of our school improvement initiatives was to develop more resources in the area of social and emotional learning that complements our existing peace builders program. By doing so we have piloted two programs "Acting with Purpose" and a Social Emotional curriculum based on our own climate survey that identified areas of need through our guidance department. Both programs are showing growth and supporting students' well-being. Every year we develop a full year plan providing themes and activities both for the classroom and to encourage family participation at home. At Swift River we continue to say the Peace Builders pledge daily in which students pledge to praise people, give up put downs, seek wise people, to notice hurts, to right wrongs, and to help others both in school and in their community. Annually in the fall, the entire student population at SRE participates in a Peace Rally which involves singing, reciting poems, cooperative pledges, all of which are focused on understanding how important it is to build a peaceful community.

We remain focused on writing as a building wide initiative using the Writer's Workshop model. This is an aligned approach to writing that introduces students to a variety of genres' using mentor books to model examples of such genres' as Personal Memoirs, Procedural Writing (How To), Biographies, Traditional Literature, Persuasive Writing, Informational Text, Realistic Fiction, Narrative (non-fiction) writing and Poetry. Students are taught the craft skills within each genre and then based on analysis of the student work, mini-lessons are developed to broaden and deepen their understanding. Our entire staff is involved in the writer's workshop model process including regular education teachers, special education teachers, reading specialists, Title 1, ELL teachers, Librarian (Media Specialist) and administration. Since Writing and Reading skills are complementary to one another, implementing the writer's workshop model will enrich our overall reading achievement.

Programs that continue to be a vital part of our school environment are the Savings Bank program for all grade levels. This program instills a sense of responsibility within our students and helps connect academics to real world experiences. In the spring of 2015 we offered a parent workshop on new concepts and approaches to our current math curriculum and

offered practice in a fun and interactive way. Our PTO partnership is strong and continues to support our teachers in many ways such as: providing wish list items, offering craft nights and movie nights for student, bus transportation for field trips, organizing walk-a-thons, fundraisers and the list goes on. The PTO organization plus the many parent volunteers we have at Swift River Elementary is nothing short of amazing to give their time and willingness to support our programs and initiatives for all students. The Family Resource Center located at the front entrance to the building keeps current information with helpful brochures and contact information that is easily accessible to parents.

Coordinated efforts among elementary buildings produced change allowing for better alignment for inclusionary practices in our inclusion classrooms. This approach helped to give common planning time to grade level teams to plan, collaborate and coordinate lessons and assessments to better support student's needs. Beginning in the fall of 2015 the elementary buildings worked closely with an inclusion consultant to align better practice shared by both regular education teachers and special education teachers. This design was supported by an inclusion consultant to observe practices and identify areas of instruction that can better serve the student population. Collaborative meetings are arranged for the inclusion classrooms with the consultant to develop strategies that are shared both by regular and special educators. The inclusion model is emerging with more support to improve student's access to grade level curriculum skills while developing the least restrictive environment for all students.

To continue moving students forward, the responsibility of our district and Swift River Elementary is to respond to information that gives us valuable data to understand our next steps in educating our students. We use an early literacy assessment, Dibels, to collect ongoing information for each student three times a year to ensure their growth with necessary skills needed at each grade level. The assessment also allows us to progress monitor students to identify small gaps in their instruction. A strong initiative at the start of the 2015-2016 school year was to train every teacher in administering this assessment rather than a small core group to assess all students. By training all staff it provided a better understanding of how to use the data and make informed decisions. Another such assessment is

call the easyCBM which provides us with early indications of gaps in math concepts and the ability to progress monitor students that show gaps in skill development. This assessment is taken in the library computer lab which is then calibrated and data instantly available to teachers. The two assessments are used by the regular education teachers as their district determined measures that are required by the state. Using data is the best way to approach student learning in which instruction is based on the outcomes. This gives us consistence and real time awareness of our teaching practices that impact student learning.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2015 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Susan Stebbins, teacher representative; Dr. Andrea Gancarz, parent representative; Ruby Bansal, parent representative and Jennifer Torna as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Robert Kuhn, Principal
Swift River Elementary School

Intermediate School (CHCS) Principal's Report: Chestnut Hill Community School is a wonderful engaging environment for all learners. Each school day, academic and social instruction connects our students and our educators to one another, to our community and to the world.

During 2015, CHCS benefited greatly from the support of our Parent/Teacher Organization under the tutelage of Kelly McLaughlin and Beth Knodler. Students participated in such activities as the Annual Walk-a-thon and the Consumables Challenge, while educators were gifted classroom items such as pencil sharpeners, notebooks, and disinfectant. Of course, the PTO provides volunteers at the annual book fair under the supervision of Anne Marley, Library & Media Specialist at CHCS. We continue to be grateful for our parent and citizen volunteers as well Grandparent Program Volunteers who assist us on a regular basis.

The acquisition and utilization of technology has been an ongoing focus for our learning community. We have provided access to families to their students' academic performance via PowerSchool and are piloting student access with our current grade six students. In addition to our state of the art computer lab, laptops, IPADS and Chromebooks are being acquired and deployed to meet the needs of our learners and connect us to 21st century information, resources and skills. In addition, in order to support our use of technology, IT Teacher Leader Annmarie Dupras provides targeted Professional Development, and Kim Frisino-Hurst devoted supports all aspects of technology in our newly instituted "Tech Tuesday" each week.

Library Media Specialist Anne Marley has restarted the CHCS Television Morning News Broadcast as a result of her outreach and connections to the town resources as well as her ongoing connections with our sixth grade learners. Donations from the community also supported this endeavor.

Vocal music, instrumental music, visual arts, physical education and health continue to contribute significantly to our learning environment and provide multiple means and modes for students to engage, perform and connect with their world. Kimberly Mook joined our faculty this year as our Visual Arts Teacher, to replace Matt Gaspar, and join our team of specialist which includes Dale Aliberti, Joshua Guerraz, Chris Mogavero, Jason Mosall and Anne Marley.

As result of data analysis, surveys and feedback, professional development for our educators is varied and includes such topics as work on writing workshop model, Inclusion practices, Lifeskills and educational law. In addition, our Reading/ELA Teacher/Coach, Karen Damouras, has collaborated with educators and is available to conference, model and debrief on instructional practices with all members of our staff. The leveled reading resources are also available to educators for targeted instruction.

The Peacebuilders Program and our Random Acts of Peacebuilding continue to set the foundation for social skills throughout the building and are augmented by school-wide activities such as our participation in National Mix-it Up Day. School Counselors Candice Judd and Kevin Moyer-Wilkes along with School Nurse Debra Fitzpatrick, and School Resource

Office Jason Krol have also led in the pilot implementation of the research based social program referred to as LifeSkills.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not comment regarding the ongoing efforts of the teachers and staff, too many to list, who providing learning opportunities to our students that are engaging, standards based, in a safe, welcoming and collegial atmosphere. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Assistant Principal, Jill Pelletier and to students, faculty, staff, and families that is my pleasure and honor to work with each and every day.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Fitzgerald, Principal
Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS)

Principal's Report: Our first year of PARCC testing, chosen by the school district and required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to track student proficiency rates, shows that Jabish Brook Middle School students compare favorably with students throughout the state. To meet the goal of responding to the needs for every student, the faculty at Jabish Brook Middle School continues to implement the team teaching model to review individual student progress, including formal and informal assessments results on student achievement.

The middle school has been able to combine our strong academic expectations with enrichment activities and community events, to foster the social and emotional growth of our students. Events such as the Belchertown Fair, middle school dances, food and toy drives, our winter semi-formal dance, field trips, dress up spirit weeks, etc. are all designed to help enrich the educational experience. Through the cooperative efforts of students, parents, an active Parent-Teacher Organization, fundraisers continue to be conducted to sponsor student participation in these events.

2015 brought the introduction of a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) lab at the middle school. Students are now able to utilize Lego Robotics to solve problems and develop programming in order to accomplish specific tasks. The integration of this new program with our existing science curriculum has already shown significant benefits to our students overall proficiency

scores, as well as a great deal of excitement with this new academic opportunity.

The JBMS After-School Program has struggled with the loss of funding, but has been able to continue under a fee based system for student participation. Faculty and staff have volunteered their time to continue the program, and have conducted fundraising events in order to provide our homework club and 8th hour extended day programming to low income students needing academic supports at no cost.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO, Student Council and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of middle school students. It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment.

Our school building at 62 N. Washington Street has provided educational services to our community for over 50 years. I would like to thank the Building and Grounds Director, as well as the community for the repair work completed to our building roof in the fall of 2015. The corrective action provided is hoped to provide an extension to the existing roof materials for some time.

We look forward to the integration of new technology resources going into 2016, including a district pilot program to institute Google Classroom. The expansion of technology integration in preparation for school and careers continues to be a focus at the middle school level, and we are excited to continue this goal into the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Thomas Ruscio, Principal
Jabish Brook Middle School

High School (BHS) Principal's Report: 2015 was a very successful and productive year for the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School. Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. Belchertown High School students and faculty continue to bring great pride to the community.

Belchertown High School is an educational community that fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment. The teaching and learning that takes place at Belchertown High School is impressive!

In January, we welcomed Superintendent Karol Coffin to our district. Mrs. Coffin has been a welcome presence at Belchertown High School attending classes, advisories, concerts, athletic events, and community presentation. We are grateful to Superintendent Coffin for her dedication and support during the year.

Also, in January, Model Congress members Michael DeBarge, Brandon Brozek, Sienna Nielsen, Kate Lassiter, Anders Nielsen, Ben Stone, Michael Chrzanowski, and Alex Hoffman experienced great success at the AIC Model Congress. Belchertown was recognized for sponsoring the Best Crafted Bill Award and Sienna Nielsen received third place overall!

In February, The Girls' and Boys' Swim Teams had great success in the State Meet. The Boys' Team finished fourth in the state. The Girls' Team finished twelfth in the state.

In March, the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team won their first ever Western Massachusetts Championship.

On Thursday, March 12th, Mr. Chris Herren met with the entire BHS community on at 12:30pm and he also spoke to our community that same evening at 6:30pm in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. This very important presentation was sponsored in part by Country Bank and the Belchertown Orioles Athletic Association. In his very personal presentations, Mr. Herren shared his story in a brutally honest format with just a microphone. Both presentations started with a five minute DVD introducing Chris Herren and showing highlights of his basketball career and his dream to play in the NBA which began to unravel by making a few bad decisions. From growing up in Fall River, MA to playing Division I basketball and in the NBA, Mr. Herren took the audience on his journey from addiction to sobriety. Additionally, he related his story to the audience addressing themes of gateway drugs, prescription drug abuse, drinking and driving as well as self-harm. Mr. Herren's presentation was very powerful and had an impact on students and parents alike.

Also in March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Sienna Nielsen as an award recipient for 2015. A delicious dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Sienna and her family and other western Massachusetts recipients. Sienna is an outstanding young woman who certainly made a difference during her time at Belchertown High School. Sienna's contributions to our academic program, our arts program, and our athletic program were significant. Sienna Nielsen continues to represent Belchertown in a positive manner as a member of the Class of 2018 at Harvard.

In May, Ms. Maria Scudere was awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teacher Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Ms. Scudere was certainly most deserving of this award given her outstanding work as a Biology teacher and advisor to the Class of 2016, Games Club, and Science Club

On Sunday, June 7th, the Class of 2015 graduated 191 students from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Mr. Lawrence O'Brien, our Social Studies teacher delivered the commencement address complete with #OriolesInService2k15. Other speeches were given by Ms. Sara Royal, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Sienna Nielsen, salutatorian of the class, and Mr. Samuel Bertsch, president of the class. Over \$100,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

On Tuesday, September 1st, 700 students and 120 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. The Belchertown High School

Community welcomed new staff: Ms. Maia Lustbader – Special Education Teacher, Ms. Frances Frederick – Social Worker, Mr. Peter Braster – Night Custodian, Ms. Nancy Barnes – Paraprofessional, Ms. Karen O'Keefe-Walther – Paraprofessional.

During the opening convocation, students were told that as they embarked on another school year, their teachers would be asking them to learn many new things and provide lots of answers. But, even more importantly, they would be challenging them to ask new and insightful questions. Students were asked a question at convocation, "What makes our mascot, the oriole, the bird that it is? What are its defining characteristics?" Four interesting facts were given to our students about orioles....

- 1) Orioles are "one of the most brilliantly colored songbirds in the east."

That brightness, that boldness, that passion....that is what students needed to remember when they entered the halls every day. Orioles don't do "dull," orioles do "brilliant." This is a demanding standard, but it is what being an Oriole demands. Students were asked to represent their colors proudly every day, in and out of school, in everything that they do.

- 2) "Aim your eyes high when looking for...Orioles. They're most often seen perched at the tops of trees or flitting through the upper foliage..."

Students were told this says so much about whom and what they are. In their attitudes, actions, expectations, empathy, and understanding, they soar above the rest. It can be exhausting and challenging to fly above the rest, but that is their identity and they have been matched to it for a reason. When they are tired, when they feel frustrated, when they think it is too difficult....students were told that they must keep soaring!

- 3) The condition of an oriole at hatching can be described as "helpless, eyes closed, sparse white down."

While the students know that they all are not "helpless," they also know that they are not yet full-grown, experienced, adult orioles. Students were told that the adults were here for them in this building and they are

charged with nurturing and educating fledgling young orioles. Students were told not be afraid to seek out their teachers, counselors, nurses, paraprofessionals, and administrators if they need help. Students were told that no oriole is expected to make it entirely on his or her own...everyone needs help learning how to fly.

- 4) "Orioles build remarkable, sock-like hanging nests, woven together from slender fibers."

With the construction of unique, comfortable, safe, and tightly-woven nests, orioles keep their young nurtured, safe, and happy. Those nests are often created from tiny pieced and slender fibers. Students were told that every "little" thing they do for each other...saying hello to a new student, inviting someone to sit with them in the cafeteria, bringing their best attitude to class each day...every one of these "little" things is in fact not little at all. It is from a wealth of these "slender fibers" that our unique nests become a home for all of our orioles. Students were asked to help make the BHS nest a comfortable and safe place for everyone.

In November, fifty-one members of the Class of 2016 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients by Superintendent Karol Coffin and Director of Teaching and Learning Shawn Fortin. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to our scholars on this outstanding achievement – Max Ablicki, Christian Assimus, Sylvia Braster, Nicholas Brooks, Emma Burke, Courtney Campbell, Spencer Caron, John Carpenter, Liam Cleary, Samuel Dixon, Rebecca Dolgas, Andrew Endress, Erin Finn, Raphael Forrest, Sarah Fournier, Jordan Gamache, Amanda Gilbert, Kirsten Goff, Angela Grabazs, Madeleine Hamparian, Jordan Henault, Emma Jopson, Ryan Kearney, Harrison Korzenowski, Jordan Kruse, Megan Lalumiere, Haley Leland, Kyle Lindholm, Riley Lynch, Ryan McCarthy, Shayne McConnell, Bridget McKelvey, Jack Medina, Lauren Montgomery, Connor Murray, Madison Newman, Anders Nielsen, Holbrook O'Neill, Avery Orr, Hannah Pease, Bryan Perlak, Jacob Potter, Matthew Quinney, Alexis Ryan, Tatyana

Ryan, Robert Sterling, Benjamin Stone, Nicholas Stratton, Carl Teschke, Alec Walker, Trent Zulkiewicz.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, November 10th. Belchertown High School Dean of Students/Director of Athletics, Mr. Douglas Daponde and High School Social Worker Ms. Frances Fredrick, posted the colors. Mr. Ray Janke was the guest speaker. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz, Student Council, and Madeleine Hamparian for organizing the Veterans' Day Assembly. Thanks also to Dr. Messier, Ms. Comstock, Mr. Maybrey, the Music Department, Tim Zych and Henry Langlois for their musical contributions. Veterans Mr. Biddle, Ms. Biddle, Mr. Chris Gamache, and Mr. Frank Gamache were recognized at the ceremony.

In closing, all of our students have contributed so much to the success we experienced at 142 Springfield Road in 2015 through their achievements in their academics, their talent in athletics and music, and their participation in co-curricular activities. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding students in our community. With these wonderful students and our caring educators and support personnel, we are creating new traditions, carrying on the old traditions, and looking forward to continuing to capture many wonderful memories at Belchertown High School. We are very grateful to our Superintendent, Mrs. Karol Coffin, our School Committee, and the greater community for all they do for us. All of us at Belchertown High School will continue to provide a quality education for all of our students in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Vigneux, Principal
Belchertown High School

Teaching and Learning Director's Report:

The Director of Teaching and Learning position was added to the Belchertown Public School District this year and I began working in this capacity at the end of October. My primary responsibilities include assisting administration and faculty with standards-based curriculum alignment, development, and coordination (PK-12), instructional delivery, supervision and evaluation, student assessment management, and professional development. In this regard:

I am working with the District Instructional Leadership Team (DILT) to align our PK-12 Curriculum and Assessments. We are currently gathering evidence of effective practices and programs that are occurring throughout the district. In addition, I am working with the Superintendent of Schools to update the District's Curriculum Review Cycle. We will begin the process of reviewing—and revising as necessary—the PK-12 Science and Technology/Engineering (ST/E) and Digital Learning and Computer Science (DL & CS) Curriculum Guides.

While my role is not evaluative (I do not directly supervise faculty), I do work with building principals on identifying the elements of high quality instruction and assessment in their classrooms. This can be done through: joint observations of teaching, calibration activities, participation in faculty/department/team meetings, analysis of student data, etc. I have learned a lot about what makes our schools so exceptional and I am looking forward to continuing this work into the future. Spending time in classrooms with students is the highlight of my day.

This year's Professional Development is divided into four themes:

1. *Assessment* work focuses on the developing and curating grade-level/subject District Determined Measures (DDMs) and using data to inform decision making.
2. *Technology* has been a focus on implementing Google Apps for Education (GAPE). We also focus on the effective integration of instructional technology in our schools.
3. *Curriculum* work centers on the vertical and horizontal alignment of the MA Curriculum Frameworks. This work is ongoing through building- and team-based PD.
4. We were very fortunate to have Dr. Ruth Potee present to our faculty and staff in November. Her presentation is one in a series of "Whole Child" Education spotlights. A variety of related, school-level work is being done to support this initiative.

Each of these four themes is also supported through building-based PD, district-offered PD opportunities, and partnerships with local colleges and collaboratives.

I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with school staff, families, and community members. I also look forward to working together as we look to transition our students and our schools into the future of college and career opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Fortin,
Director of Teaching and Learning

Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Director's

Report: Custodial and Maintenance staff is responsible for the maintenance of five schools and two associated buildings encompassing 478,000 square feet of space. The winter of 2015 was a challenge due to record breaking cold and the many snowstorms that we encountered. Due to the energy management projects that were completed in past years we were able to withstand the extreme conditions with minimal impact. Projects completed during the year, in addition to maintaining our schools, included; Asbestos removal projects at Cold Spring and Jabish Brook Schools, Roof and drain repairs at Jabish Brook Middle School, Tennis court repairs at the High School, Handicapped ramp and bathroom installations at the Central Office and catch basin repairs at Chestnut Hill and Swift River Schools.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and diligent efforts of the department's staff who work every day to uphold the high standards of safety and cleanliness for Belchertown students and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Lachance,
Director of Buildings & Grounds

Information Services Department Director's

Report: The year of 2015 has been a strategic turning point for the I.T. department with the completion of a new Technology Plan 2015 to 2018. Fundamental to this plan is the forward looking vision of how to address the rapid increase in the number of student devices, management of those devices, and addressing the upcoming expectations of State online PARCC or MCASS2 testing.

Critical to completing the Technology plan was our Superintendents instruction to review other districts throughout the state and determine what is working best for them and, what is not. We

visited and met with many other I.T. departments, Principals and Superintendents. We visited those districts comparable to our own, and also Districts that had the best MCASS scores in the state, with instructions to bring back the best of what they were doing.

A thorough review showed that Google Apps for Education was the best path forward based on positive reviews, effectiveness, elegant tools for teacher student interaction, device management (Chromebooks) and cost. In late spring of 2015 it was decided to run a Pilot Google Apps program/training at Jabish Brook Middle School starting in September 2015. That pilot program by the end of 2015 had been well received by the faculty and staff of JBMS, and will expand throughout more of the district.

In 2015 Erate funding was also secured for expanding on the density of our wireless throughout the district. In total 15,000 worth of wireless enhancements cost the district only 7500 after the Erate matching funds.

Finally, we continued on our multiyear effort to further improve classroom technology. We are nearing a 90% completion of classrooms upgraded.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Scott Karen, Director of Technology for
Belchertown Public Schools

School Nursing Department Report: During 2015, each of our five schools had a full time nurse. Belchertown Public Schools Enhanced School Health Grant enabled us to also have a second nurse in the district, shared between the schools 40 hours per week.

From January thru December 2015 our nurses had 31,805 visits from students ranging from chronic health needs to behavioral health and neurologic issues. With all those visits to the health office, we had a great return to class rate of 94.8%. School nurses also completed the mandatory screenings of children that the Department of Public Health requires which are vision, hearing, height, weight and scoliosis. There are Automatic External Defibrillator's (AED's) in each school with three located at the High School. The nurses taught CPR / AED to any staff member wishing to be certified. Currently there are 94 CPR/AED trained staff.

In October we conducted a flu clinic for students with 120 participants. All nurses have been trained to administer Narcan. In November 2015, Dr. Ruth Potee spoke to staff about adolescent brain development and addiction.

The school nurse leader sits on two community coalitions, Hampshire Hope and Quaboag Hills Community Coalition.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis DuComb,
School Nurse Leader

Food Service Department Director's Report:

The food service department prepares lunches for our student and staff population. Approximately half of the student population participates in the school lunch program and approximately 15% of the staff purchase lunch from the food service department. We continue to provide free and reduced lunches to those who qualify. This represents approximately 23% of our student enrollment. We accommodate special dietary requirements for our students such as soy free, dairy free, egg free, gluten-free, and peanut and tree-nut free. We also provide lunches to the Belchertown Day School.

Increasing the number of students participating in the school lunch program continues to be a challenge. In an effort to increase participation, we offered theme days at the schools. Some themes included "Indoor Picnic", "World Series Lunch", and "Frozen Day". These events were well-received by the students and staff but we found that participation increased only for the day of the event. Increased student and staff participation in the lunch program continues to be a goal of the department.

Finally, new education requirements for all school nutrition employees began this year. All food service staff are required to have a minimum of 4-6 hours of annual education/training this year. Opportunities for training are available through the local chapter of the SNA (School Nutrition Association).

We look forward to continuing to offer nutritious meals to our student and staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Finelli, MS, RD
Food Service Director

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. Currently the Committee consists of 11 members: two members each from Belchertown and Palmer and one each from the remaining towns. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both from Palmer, continue to serve as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. Lorraine F. Alves continues to serve as secretary. Ashley Boudreau will serve another year as student representative.

CURRICULUM: Based on the most recent MCAS scores, Pathfinder has continued to improve on narrowing the proficiency gaps, showing an increase in the graduation rate and a decrease in the number of dropouts for the 2014-2015 school year; however, Pathfinder has been designated as a “Level 3 School” by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. This designation means that, despite the improvement in MCAS scores, there are subgroups of the student population (e.g., students with special needs; students with disabilities) that have not made sufficient progress toward “Proficiency” as expected by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

As one strategy to increase academic rigor, honors level courses were added in all core academic areas in our ninth grade programs. In addition to the honors programs, online learning has been embraced to provide additional academic offerings to ensure students’ continued academic success. Advanced Placement opportunities will be added to the program of studies for the 2016-2017 school year.

Pathfinder has continued to make advancements in technical offerings as well. All fifteen career areas have adopted the most recent state frameworks. Pathfinder continues to review all areas of curriculum for the staff and provides professional development opportunities to ensure they remain current in all areas of instruction.

2015 SKILLS USA: Pathfinder is a “Total Participation” school, and all students are registered with both the state and national *SkillsUSA* organizations.

Pathfinder had been a member of the District 6, Western Mass. Qualifying Event held at McCann Technical High School since the districts were realigned six years ago. That alignment increased the number of schools from four to six. This past year, Pathfinder was moved to the District 5, Central District, because of proximity to Bay Path Regional in Charlton, and also to make room for two more schools that joined the West District Region. This new alignment has created a significantly more competitive event for Pathfinder than among schools in the previous configuration.

The District 5 Qualifying Competition was held at Bay Path Regional Technical High School on March 11, 2015. Pathfinder brought 97 students to the event, competing in 30 different areas. The results netted the students 12 medals, including 1 gold, 7 silver and 4 bronze. Medal winners represented the following shops: Machine/Manufacturing, Collision Repair, Electrical, Cosmetology and Programming and Web Design.

The State *SkillsUSA* Competition was held the weekend of April 30 – May 2, 2015, at the Best Western Royal Plaza, in Marlboro and at Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School. Pathfinder brought eight students who had qualified at the Districts in six technical areas and an additional three students who competed in two fields that had no qualifying event. The results netted Pathfinder 4 bronze medals in two technical areas--CNC Technician and Automated Manufacturing.

SELECTED MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Collision Repair Technology:

- Belchertown Fire Department: Students continued to work on the refinishing of a Chevrolet Tahoe fire emergency vehicle.

Machine Technology:

- Students machined several cribbage boards as donations to fundraisers for non-profit organizations. The students also machined several clocks. Recipients included:
 - Palmer Public Library
 - Top Floor Learning, Palmer
 - Machine Technology "Poker Run" (Pathfinder fundraiser)
 - Pathfinder Car Show (*Skills USA* fundraiser)
 - Local Retiring School and Town Officials

Cosmetology:

- Cosmetology students continued their annual visits to area Senior Centers during which they provided "Spa Days" for seniors. The services they offered included manicures, pedicures, facials, and hair styles. Currently the cosmetology students provide these services in Palmer, Ware, Monson and Belchertown.

Carpentry:

- Students completed a reception/entrance circulation desk for the Granby Public Library.

Automotive Reconditioning:

- Auto Reconditioning students provided services for police, highway, fire and water districts.

Horticulture:

- Horticulture students removed fallen trees and debris from cemeteries and town owned properties in several district towns.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM: Fifty One (51) students participated in the school's Cooperative Education Program which provides opportunities for paid, career-related jobs *in lieu* of attending their vocational classes. In this real work environment, the students enhanced their technical skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance among their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. Co-op continues to be an excellent pathway to full-time employment.

A strong effort to work with area businesses and to strengthen Advisory Committees has been a driving force in obtaining cooperative education placements. The school is committed to providing students with this invaluable opportunity and intends to work closely with area businesses to continually expand the program.

STUDENT BODY: Pathfinder's enrollment as of October 1, 2015 totaled 619 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 104; Granby 19; Hardwick 24; Monson 101; New Braintree 11; Oakham 11; Palmer 155; Ware 94; and Warren 46. The remaining students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from Ludlow (22). The 619 figure on October 1st represents a decrease of 1 student overall from the number reported on October 1, 2014.

In order to better meet students' needs and to more effectively accommodate parents, the Special Education and Guidance Department have been combined under a Pupil Personnel Director.

The Pupil Services Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—once again received far more applications for the 180 ninth grade openings than the school could accommodate. Transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were also very limited. Consequently, the school experienced another year of waiting lists for each grade.

This school year students from all member districts visited Pathfinder on the Monday before Thanksgiving, and it was a great success. In early October, guidance counselors were invited to attend a breakfast meeting designed specifically to update them about the admissions policies and the new online application procedures. In October and November, Pathfinder's guidance counselors visited the 8th graders in member

towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. In November, an evening Open House event was held for 5th-8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest.

During the pre-Thanksgiving date, interested students were invited to participate in a field trip with their school counselor to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. This year a larger number of students participated in these tours than the previous year. Students also had the opportunity to apply for September admission during their visit.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

At the twenty-ninth Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Electrical Student Michael Desjardins, of Ware, was Pathfinder's honoree. Michael is a remarkable young man with an unwavering work ethic. He was the top student in his class and had earned a cumulative GPA of 3.89. He had received a myriad of academic and technical awards for excellence and outstanding achievement throughout his high school career. Michael was also awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship based on his excellent MCAS scores. He was a two-year member of the National Technical Honor Society. After graduation, Michael planned to attend Springfield Technical Community College majoring in Electrical Engineering while joining the Air Force Reserves.

The recipient of the M.A.S.S. Academic Excellence Award for Pathfinder was Shannon Kennedy, Of Palmer, who was an exceptional student in the Carpentry Program. Shannon ranked second in her class with a cumulative GPA of 3.788. Shannon, too, was awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship this year based on her excellent MCAS scores. She was a two-year member of the National Technical Honor Society. Shannon planned to further her education after Pathfinder, majoring in Architecture

In June 2015, the graduating class of 128 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Fifty-one (51) graduates received awards totaling \$27,150.00 during the ceremony. \$224,000.00 was offered through scholarships, awards and grants to some of our graduates from the colleges and universities where they had been offered admission. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

PUPIL SERVICES: Nicole Heroux serves as the Director of Pupil Services. Pupil Services is comprised of both the Special Education and Guidance Departments.

Mrs. Heroux scrutinized the school's programs for Special Education, English Language Learners and Civil Rights in preparation for the Coordinated Program Review by staff from the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. During that review, Pathfinder was recognized for the strengths it has in its programs. The findings of the CPR were substantially improved over those from five years ago, and DESE staff members were complimentary regarding progress that has been made.

The Department continues to be committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated. The guidance staff is working on

revising the College and Career Readiness for students' best interests when it comes to their emotional and educational well-being.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of *all* learners in grades 9-12. Through continued integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency. All students admitted to Pathfinder are expected to fulfill the same requirements to receive a high school diploma as in local town high schools, and all students must have access to all academic and vocational programs. The staff at Pathfinder continues to work to develop an appropriate education for the students who were previously in the Substantially Separate program to insure their success at the school.

Team chairpersons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for over 157 special needs students. The Pupil Services Department continued to be responsible for approximately 50 students who have 504 Accommodation Plans. Section 504 is a federal civil rights law which requires the provision of reasonable accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

Work continued on the collaboration between special and general educators. Vocational and academic teachers have been receiving professional development on Differentiating Instruction and how to work with students with Social Emotional needs.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Over the course of the school year, students worked together to plan a trip to New York City to see a Broadway show. During the planning, they needed to familiarize themselves with school rules pertaining to field trips, obtain estimates for things like buses and theater tickets, and also make a plan for this enormous undertaking. Students had to raise the \$2,000 cost of the trip themselves by having multiple dances, participating in a staff-supported senior initiative, and designing a Donors Choose website. Students also took the initiative to do some public speaking in front of the Pathfinder School Committee to explain their motives for planning this trip and to gain approval for out-of-state travel. In April, the students enjoyed the sights and sounds of New York City by beginning their day in Rockefeller Center, taking in a performance, and having dinner in the city before returning to Pathfinder that night.

Horticulture students participated in the FFA State Convention held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. They participated in Floriculture, Team and Single Demonstrations, Job Interview and Science Project. They also competed in Safe Equipment/Tractor Operation, Forestry, Turf Management, and Arbor skills throughout the school year. Attendance at this event was supported by several fund raising activities throughout the year. Other Career Development Events were held at Technical High Schools throughout Massachusetts. Pathfinder boasts 100% FFA membership, including students in all four grades. Students are currently contemplating attending the National Convention this year.

Three blood drives were held during the year, the most recent taking place in November with 57 donors registered. After deferrals, 11 units of red cells and 34 pints of whole blood were donated for a grand total of 46 pints of blood. Since each pint of blood may help save the lives of up to 3 people, potentially 138 patients were helped!

The school's third annual Craft Fair was held in November, sponsored by the senior class with their advisers, Mrs. Rugg and Mr. Robertson. It featured over 35 vendors and various forms of crafts from the surrounding local area, filling not only the gym but the cafeteria as well.

The Breakfast with Santa was held on December 13th, 2015 and sponsored by the Business Technology students and staff. Children were able to meet with Santa and tell him their wishes as well as enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast served up by students, staff, and administration.

Once again, the Student Council ran a very successful Thanksgiving food drive. The donations were as follows: 58 Turkeys and 1451 boxed/canned goods.

ATHLETICS: Participation numbers remained consistent with approximately 175 students taking part athletic programs. Of concern was the major decrease in freshman boys' participation in football and soccer. The co-op programs in wrestling and swimming with Ware and Palmer High Schools continued.

In 2015 the varsity girls' soccer, basketball, and softball teams qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament. The varsity baseball team qualified for both the Western Mass. and State Vocational tournaments and advanced to the second round of the Western Mass tournament.

Austin LeClerc and Sophia Hess were named the outstanding male and female athletes, respectively for 2015.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS 2015

Program Name	Amount	Application
Title 1	\$142,457	Retain Title 1 ELA instructor; purchase 4 Smart Boards, Summer Transition Program, Supplies
Title 2	\$22,048	<i>Retaining Highly Qualified Students</i> Professional Development; Math CVTE Trainings; Partial SPED teacher salary; Marzano Training
SPED Improvement Grant	\$5,194	Inclusion Training for Mixed staff
SPED	\$221,902	4 aides' salary; Inclusion Model Instructor; Supplies, E-SPED; one- half salary for on -site School Psychologist.
Perkins	\$99,515	<i>Fit Pick and Place</i> (Electronics Equipment); 2 Smart Boards; MAVA CVTE Conference; New Hospitality Instructor
Vocational Equipment Grant (Perkins)	\$33,139	<i>Pick and Place</i> equipment (Electronics)
Academic Support	\$17,400	Supported 4 week (48 Contact Hours) Project Based MCAS Prep summer program
WIA Program	\$40,414	Supported 5 weeks, @25 hrs./ week summer work for 24 participants; 2 Year- round part-time jobs.
WIA Bonus Program	\$4,600	Provided quarterly bonuses of \$50-100 for WIA participants meeting Pathfinder criteria (grades, attendance)
DSAC Grant	\$9,331	DSAC supported trainings In-House Learning; Embedded Reading and History Research Skills
TOTAL	\$596,002	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The Summer Youth Enrichment Program was not offered due to the on-going roof replacement project during which students could not be in the building. The program will return in 2016 with a discounted rate in order to revive the program's enrollment.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Programs has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder offered two summer school programs designed to enable students to recover credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The on-line academic summer school ran during the month of July for four weeks, with students being expected to log the equivalent of 40 hours per course. Overall, students from 17 schools (including Pathfinder) completed 100 online courses. Vocational related theory courses ran during one week in July in a classroom setting at the school, requiring students to fulfill 20 hours per course. Three Pathfinder students completed this program.

FACULTY AND STAFF: Currently the Pathfinder staff consists of 43 vocational teachers, 25.5 academic teachers, 1 teaching assistant, 1 part-time Athletic Trainer, 9 special education teachers, 3 counselors, a psychologist, a library-media specialist, a speech & language pathologist, a behavioral specialist, a nurse

and 10 paraprofessionals. The school is managed by the Superintendent and a group of 7 professional administrators as well as a full-time grants coordinator. The support staff includes 7 custodians, 11 clerical personnel, and 2 cafeteria workers.

In June, the school said farewell to retiree Louis Disessa (Auto Body Instructor) and to Nick Jorge (IT Director) who departed for another opportunity during the summer. Subsequently Steven Sanders (Electrical Instructor), Josselyn Winter (Electronics Instructor), and Carol Gantor (Paraprofessional) retired during the year.

New Hires included Ashley Puls and Shaun Moriarty (Social Studies); Kevin Sloan (Mathematics); Richard Brown (Electrical); Veronica Darmon (Hospitality); Scott Desroches (Auto Body); Caitlin Phelps (Health Occupations); Lisa Marie Bordenuk, Kendra Wilson and Mary Brothers (Paraprofessionals); Ellen Garrepy (Math Inclusion); and Cole Rogers (IT Director).

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of two Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators

BUDGET AND FINANCE: In February of 2015, the school committee adopted a FY16 budget of \$13,360,207, representing a 1.59% Increase over the previous year. Subsequently, Pathfinder's nine member communities unanimously voted favorably on their assessments during their 2015 town meetings, thereby approving the FY16 budget pursuant to the regional school budget statute. (Please note that Pathfinder's budget increased 2.97% in FY14 and decreased 0.34% in FY15).

While the Regional School Transportation reimbursement rate is historically unpredictable, the last five years of reimbursements have been in the range of 55% - 73%. Included in the FY16 approved state budget, the Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Rate was set at 73%, which was also the final reimbursement rate for FY15. While Regional School Districts welcomed the increase in transportation reimbursement rates in FY15 and FY16, those rates are still well below their previously promised 100% reimbursement rate, which, coincidentally, has never occurred.

As stated in past years, Pathfinder had historically generated substantial annual revenue from the enrollment of non-resident tuition students once all eligible in-district applicants had been accepted. These revenues have been used to subsidize the annual operating budgets and reduce District assessments. Since FY11, non-resident student enrollments have dropped, leading to decreased annual non-resident tuition revenues. In FY11, non-resident tuition accounted for nearly \$900,000.00 in annual revenue. In the current FY16 school year, non-resident tuition will account for approximately \$410,000.00 in revenue. Through the implementation of cost saving measures (e.g., Health Insurance Plan Design Changes, a new electricity Net Metering Agreement, and consolidation of professional positions), and with revenue increases in the areas of School Choice Aid and Regional Transportation Aid, Pathfinder has attempted to mitigate the reduction in non-resident tuition revenue.

Additionally, Chapter 70 Aid from the Commonwealth continues to be a concern. For FY16, Pathfinder's Chapter 70 Aid was increased a modest \$11,760 from the previous fiscal year. Pathfinder's total FY16 Student Enrollment of 620 students is nearly unchanged from the FY15 enrollment of 619 students. With the FY17 enrollment currently estimated at 620 students, we expect Chapter 70 School Aid to be relatively unchanged in FY17.

Therefore, while modest increases in the areas of Chapter 70 Aid, Regional Transportation Aid and School Choice Revenue have been helpful, District expenses in the areas of salaries, health insurance, and pupil transportation have increased at a substantially higher rate. As a result, Pathfinder will continue to explore cost saving measures in an effort to operate in a more efficient and resourceful manner.

In conclusion, Governor Baker recently commented that, "The skills gap is real across the country, and many companies cannot find the talent they need to fill positions and further develop their local economic impact." In regard to his comment, Pathfinder is committed to providing a challenging and rigorous

academic and technical educational experience to all students in an effort to ensure that they are prepared to fill the “skills gap” in our 21st century economy.

The following chart illustrates the FY16 assessments (voted in spring of FY15) to each member community:

ASSESSMENT CALCULATION FY2016:							RETIREE
TOWNS	MINIMUM	ADDITIONAL	SHARE OF	TRANS-	HEALTH	TOTAL	
	CONT.	CONT.	REGULAR CAP.	PORTATION	INSURANCE	ASSESSMENT	
Belchertown	\$ 700,928	\$ 235,174	\$ 2,013	\$ 75,201	\$ 48,054	\$ 1,061,370	
Granby	\$ 200,230	\$ 55,490	\$ 475	\$ 17,744	\$ 11,339	\$ 285,278	
Hardwick	\$ 147,748	\$ 66,060	\$ 565	\$ 21,124	\$ 13,498	\$ 248,996	
Monson	\$ 889,118	\$ 290,664	\$ 2,488	\$ 92,945	\$ 59,392	\$ 1,334,608	
New Braintree	\$ 99,360	\$ 29,066	\$ 249	\$ 9,295	\$ 5,939	\$ 143,909	
Oakham	\$ 123,200	\$ 36,994	\$ 317	\$ 11,829	\$ 7,559	\$ 179,899	
Palmer	\$ 1,130,503	\$ 425,427	\$ 3,642	\$ 136,038	\$ 86,929	\$ 1,782,538	
Ware	\$ 670,805	\$ 290,664	\$ 2,488	\$ 92,945	\$ 59,392	\$ 1,116,295	
Warren	\$ 222,475	\$ 124,193	\$ 1,063	\$ 39,713	\$ 25,377	\$ 412,821	
TOTALS:	\$ 4,184,367	\$ 1,553,732	\$ 13,300	\$ 496,835	\$ 317,478	\$ 6,565,712	

FACILITIES: A highlight of the 2015 year was the successful total roof replacement project, the first in the school’s 42 year history. The project was approved for 62.04% reimbursement by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and bids were opened on March 26, 2015. The low bid of \$1,524,000 was submitted by Allied Restoration Corporation of East Hartford, CT. Work began with minimal disruption of student learning before the end of the school year and continued at a fast pace during the summer months. Most of the heavy work was completed before the beginning of school in September, leaving minor details and inspections for the fall.

As of the date of this report, the District’s cost for this project is \$686,787.32. The amount of \$50,000 had already been transferred from FY14 funds, leaving a balance of \$636,787.32 owed by the District. This amount will not require bonding and will be satisfied by the District’s entering into a five-year serial note through Eastern Bank.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: As Pathfinder enters its forty-third year offering quality vocational education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. They have made substantial contributions to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students’ technical studies.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials and the several town meetings for their support over these years. The committee especially thanks retired Senator Stephen Brewer for his unwavering assistance to education and his friendship to Pathfinder.

The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY17 fiscal picture will undoubtedly present another challenge. However—as always-- the goal will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,
 Michael J. Cavanaugh (Palmer), Chairman
 David Droz (Palmer), Vice Chairman
 Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown), Secretary
 Francesco Dell’Olio (Belchertown)
 William E. Johnson (Granby)
 Julie Quink (Hardwick)
 Kathleen Barrett (Monson)
 Shane Stafford (New Braintree)

Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham)
 M. Barbara Ray (Ware)
 Thomas Rugani (Warren)
 Ashley Boudreau (Student Representative)
 Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

Skate Park Committee

The Skate Park Committee continued to improve the existing skate park grounds in 2015. We applied and were granted Community Preservation funding of \$30,000. We were grateful for the town support at Town Meeting in May 2015, which allowed us to secure this funding to obtain several new ramps that completed the project. The community support has continued to grow. We plan to continue developing a safety education project for the upcoming years. Thank you for all the support.

Michelle Ricker
Skate Park Committee

Veterans' Graves Officer

For the year 2015, all of Belchertown's Veterans' Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their flagging assistance at Mt Hope cemetery, as well as a thank you to Local VFW Post 8428 for their flagging assistance at South cemetery. Veterans Agent Ray Janke also helped.

This year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown CPA Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Rural Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Asst. Veteran's Graves Off.

Veterans' Service Agent

The year 2015 provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the continued struggling economy and fragile job market. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town.

Future plans for 2015 would include: 1) Networking resources for our Veterans' and their families in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances; 2) Public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA, State benefits, and elder care issues; and, 3) A streamlined process to file VA paperwork. My office will continue to work with Belchertown residents,

organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

During 2015, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal veteran programs.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Zoning Board of Appeals

In the past year the Zoning Board of Appeals received two applications for Special Permit; two applications for Variance and one Appeal/Amendment to a Special Permit. One Variance was approved; one Variance was denied. Both Special Permits were approved and the Board denied an appeal/amendment to make changes to a previously approved Special Permit.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Hebert, Chairman
Robert Hislop, Member
Brian Gibbons, Member
Noah Pefaur, Associate Member

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2015

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	2,974,553.53	3,380,896.01	218,537.58	385,087.68	28,124.90	3,470,270.77		10,457,470.47
Petty Cash Advance	135.00	3,406.00						3,541.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	417,607.26							417,607.26
Chapter 61	50,497.41							50,497.41
Excise Taxes	218,851.72							218,851.72
Tax Liens	403,428.23			8,886.64				412,314.87
Special Assessments	38.67			3,385,934.15				3,385,972.82
Departmental	643,737.76			429,930.24				1,073,668.00
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(135,913.70)							(135,913.70)
Tax Foreclosures	253,873.27			39,602.94				293,476.21
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,721.67						3,721.67
Due From Other Governments	171,673.35	157,900.94						329,574.29
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payal	0.00	199,000.00						199,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							22,266,820.33	22,266,820.33
Amt. To be Prov.-Comp. Absence							234,453.35	234,453.35
Total Assets	4,998,482.50	3,744,924.62	218,537.58	4,249,441.65	28,124.90	3,470,270.77	22,501,273.68	39,211,055.70

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for the Period Ended June 30, 2015

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY</u>								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	533,648.11	144,694.25	2,000.00	24,260.23	1,406.04			706,008.63
Employee Withholdings	1,037,553.70	0.00						1,037,553.70
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	111,465.13							111,465.13
Chapter 61	50,497.41							50,497.41
Excise Taxes	218,851.72							218,851.72
Tax Liens	403,428.23			8,886.64				412,314.87
Special Assessments	38.67			3,385,934.15				3,385,972.82
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
Departmental	643,737.76			429,930.24				1,073,668.00
Tax Foreclosures	253,873.27			39,602.94				293,476.21
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,575.37						
Government Receivable	171,673.35	157,900.94	0.00					329,574.29
Grant Receivable								0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	199,000.00						199,000.00
Early Pmt of 2016 Prop. Tax/CPA S	42,728.43	146.30						42,874.73
Unclaimed Checks	4,132.85							4,132.85
Excess on Land of Low Value	(6,536.80)							(6,536.80)
Bond Indebtedness							22,266,820.33	22,266,820.33
Compensated Absences							234,453.35	234,453.35
Total Liabilities	<u>3,465,091.83</u>	<u>505,316.86</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>3,888,614.20</u>	<u>1,406.04</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>22,501,273.68</u>	<u>30,363,702.61</u>
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	293,246.00	0.00		17,060.05				310,306.05
Reserve for Expenditures	109,291.57	194,656.90		155,307.00	13,111.00			472,366.47
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,130,853.10							1,130,853.10
Reserved Fund Balance		3,024,532.98	216,537.58	188,460.40	13,607.86	3,470,270.77		6,913,409.59
Title V Septic System Loan		<u>20,417.88</u>						<u>20,417.88</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,533,390.67</u>	<u>3,239,607.76</u>	<u>216,537.58</u>	<u>360,827.45</u>	<u>26,718.86</u>	<u>3,470,270.77</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,847,353.09</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>4,998,482.50</u>	<u>3,744,924.62</u>	<u>218,537.58</u>	<u>4,249,441.65</u>	<u>28,124.90</u>	<u>3,470,270.77</u>	<u>22,501,273.68</u>	<u>39,211,055.70</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

General Fund

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Cash		2,974,553.53
Petty Cash Advance		135.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	417,607.26	
Chapter 61	50,497.41	
Excise Taxes	218,851.72	
Tax Liens	403,428.23	
Special Assessments	38.67	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	643,737.76	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	171,673.35	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(135,913.70)</u>	
		1,769,920.70
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		<u>253,873.27</u>
Total Assets		<u>4,998,482.50</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		533,648.11
Employee Withholdings		1,037,553.70
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	111,465.13	
Chapter 61	50,497.41	
Excise Taxes	218,851.72	
Tax Liens	403,428.23	
Special Assessments	38.67	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	643,737.76	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	171,673.35	
Governmental Receivable - FEMA	0.00	
Tax Foreclosures	<u>253,873.27</u>	
		1,853,565.54
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		(6,536.80)
Early Payment of 2016 Property Tax		42,728.43
Unclaimed Checks		<u>4,132.85</u>

Total Liabilities 3,465,091.83

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Expenditures	293,246.00
Reserve for Encumbrances	109,291.57
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>1,130,853.10</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,533,390.67</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>4,998,482.50</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

	CPA	GRANTS					School Lunch	School Lunch	School Lunch	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals
		Highways	Federal	State	Revolving	Revolving	Revolving	Revolving	Revolving	Revolving	Revolving	Revolving
ASSETS												
Cash	587,482.12	(94,539.80)	(2,695.54)	70,731.71	48,924.51	38,353.08	2,523,478.84	209,161.09	3,380,896.01			
Petty Cash Advance					125.00		3,281.00		3,406.00			
Due From Commonwealth	199,000.00	157,900.94							157,900.94			
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	3,721.67								199,000.00			
Surcharge Receivable (thru FY15)									3,721.67			
Due from Federal Government									0.00			
Total Assets	790,203.79	63,361.14	(2,695.54)	70,731.71	49,049.51	38,353.08	2,526,759.84	209,161.09	3,744,924.62			
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY												
Liabilities:												
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	26,587.59	20,009.76	9,183.14	8,179.77	75,047.70	5,686.29	144,694.25			
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		157,900.94					0.00		157,900.94			
Employee Withholdings									0.00			
Bond Anticipation Note	199,000.00								199,000.00			
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	3,575.37								3,575.37			
Early pmt of '16 CPA Surcharge	146.30								146.30			
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable									0.00			
Total Liabilities	202,721.67	157,900.94	26,587.59	20,009.76	9,183.14	8,179.77	75,047.70	5,686.29	505,316.86			
Fund Equity:												
Design. for Subs Years Expense	392,825.22	(94,539.80)	(29,283.13)	50,721.95	39,866.37	30,173.31	2,431,294.26	203,474.80	3,024,532.98			
Reserve for Open Space	5.60								5.60			
Reserve for Historic Resources	2,522.00								2,522.00			
Reserve for Community Housing	192,129.30								192,129.30			
Reserve for Encumbrance	0.00								0.00			
Title V Septic System Loan							20,417.88		20,417.88			
Total Fund Equity	587,482.12	(94,539.80)	(29,283.13)	50,721.95	39,866.37	30,173.31	2,451,712.14	203,474.80	3,239,607.76			
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	790,203.79	63,361.14	(2,695.54)	70,731.71	49,049.51	38,353.08	2,526,759.84	209,161.09	3,744,924.62			

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

ASSETS	Police Station	Sewer upgrades	Energy	Totals
	Sr. Center	Jackson St. PVP/Tri-Lakes	Performance Contract	(Memo. Only)
Cash	10,520.66	85,426.23	122,590.69	218,537.58
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		0.00		0.00
Total Assets	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>85,426.23</u>	<u>122,590.69</u>	<u>218,537.58</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00	0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		0.00	0.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payable		0.00	0.00

Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	2,000.00
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Fund Equity:

Reserved Fund Balance	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>85,426.23</u>	<u>120,590.69</u>	<u>216,537.58</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>85,426.23</u>	<u>120,590.69</u>	<u>216,537.58</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>85,426.23</u>	<u>122,590.69</u>	<u>218,537.58</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Cash		385,087.68
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	1,399.13	
Sewer User Fees	428,531.11	
Assessments	3,385,934.15	
Tax Liens - Sewer	<u>8,886.64</u>	
		<u>3,824,751.03</u>
Sewer Possessions		39,602.94
Total Assets		<u>4,249,441.65</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		24,260.23
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	1,399.13	
Sewer User Fees	428,531.11	
Assessments	3,385,934.15	
Tax Liens - Sewer	8,886.64	
Sewer possessions	<u>39,602.94</u>	
		<u>3,864,353.97</u>

Total Liabilities 3,888,614.20

Fund Equity:

Reserved for Expenditure	155,307.00
Reserved for Encumbrance	17,060.05
Retained Earnings	<u>188,460.40</u>

Total Fund Equity 360,827.45

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 4,249,441.65

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Cash 28,124.90

Total Assets 28,124.90

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable 1,406.04

Total Liabilities 1,406.04

Fund Equity:

Reserve for Expenditures 13,111.00

Retained Earnings 13,607.86

Total Fund Equity 26,718.86

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 28,124.90

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Cash	<u>2,774,472.94</u>
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Total Assets	<u>2,774,472.94</u>
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable	<u>0.00</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
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Fund Equity:

 Fund Balances:

Reserved	<u>2,774,472.94</u>
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Total Fund Equity	<u>2,774,472.94</u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>2,774,472.94</u>
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Cash 695,797.83

Total Assets 695,797.83

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:

Reserved 695,797.83

Total Fund Balance 695,797.83

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 695,797.83

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

	High School 2001	Tri-Lakes Incl. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-05	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. Springfield Rd. MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Land-Evenett Fuller, Topping Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St. MWPAT	Sewer Howard St. MWPAT	Energy Savings Project	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																
Amt to be Provided for																
Print of Debt	10,895,000.00	420,000.00	0.00	2,149,700.00	185,000.00	390,000.00	195,000.00	180,000.00	545,000.00	985,000.00	2,071,553.88	1,120,068.45	445,498.00	2,530,000.00		22,266,820.33
Amt to be Provided for																
Comp. Absent														5,194.75	229,258.60	234,453.35
Total Assets	10,895,000.00	420,000.00	0.00	2,149,700.00	185,000.00	390,000.00	195,000.00	180,000.00	545,000.00	985,000.00	2,071,553.88	1,120,068.45	445,498.00	2,530,000.00		22,501,273.68
LIABILITIES																
Bond Indebtedn	10,895,000.00	420,000.00	0.00	2,149,700.00	185,000.00	390,000.00	195,000.00	180,000.00	545,000.00	985,000.00	2,071,553.88	1,120,068.45	445,498.00	2,530,000.00		22,266,820.33
Compensated																
Absences														5,194.75	229,258.60	234,453.35
Total Liabilities	10,895,000.00	420,000.00	0.00	2,149,700.00	185,000.00	390,000.00	195,000.00	180,000.00	545,000.00	985,000.00	2,071,553.88	1,120,068.45	445,498.00	2,530,000.00		22,501,273.68

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY16
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
Moderator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Selectmen	\$17,116.00	\$16,773.49	\$342.51	
Town Administrator	\$217,345.00	\$216,994.59	\$350.41	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
Finance Committee	\$250.00	\$204.00	\$46.00	
Reserve Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 *	
Town Accountant	\$204,770.00	\$196,901.26	\$7,868.74	\$6,550.00
Computer Director	\$287,479.00	\$281,525.38	\$5,953.62	
Assessors	\$275,480.00	\$271,626.08	\$3,853.92	
Treasurer/Collector	\$275,645.00	\$275,348.78	\$296.22	\$98.00
Law Account	\$81,300.00	\$53,900.73	\$27,399.27	
Town Clerk	\$130,216.00	\$126,875.52	\$3,340.48	
Election & Registration	\$42,200.00	\$36,051.92	\$6,148.08	
Conservation Commission	\$73,445.00	\$73,428.90	\$16.10	
Pioneer Valley Planning	\$2,198.00	\$2,197.35	\$0.65	
Planning Board	\$102,688.00	\$101,383.46	\$1,304.54	
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,695.00	\$1,370.76	\$1,324.24	
EDIC	\$390.00	\$368.55	\$21.45	
Agricultural Commission	\$500.00	\$490.38	\$9.62	
Mobile Home Rent Control	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Printing Town Report	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,588.98</u>	<u>\$911.02</u>	
	\$1,717,917.00	\$1,658,530.13	\$59,386.87	\$6,648.00
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>				
Police Department	\$2,039,424.00	\$2,013,387.38	\$26,036.62	\$312.27
Fire/EMS Department	\$1,230,487.00	\$1,230,416.33	\$70.67	\$98.10
Hydrant Service	\$25,356.00	\$25,356.00	\$0.00	
Injured on Duty	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
Regional Lockup Assessment	\$13,917.00	\$13,917.00	\$0.00	
Inspection Services	\$144,493.00	\$138,620.06	\$5,872.94	
Civil Defense	\$1,560.00	\$500.00	\$1,060.00	
Dog Officer	<u>\$56,386.00</u>	<u>\$55,039.59</u>	<u>\$1,346.41</u>	
	\$3,513,123.00	\$3,477,236.36	\$35,886.64	\$410.37
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
Town Schools	\$26,614,874.00	\$26,578,080.73 *	\$36,793.27	\$36,793.27
Regional School	<u>\$1,116,631.00</u>	<u>\$1,104,591.07</u>	<u>\$12,039.93</u>	
	\$27,731,505.00	\$27,682,671.80	\$48,833.20	\$36,793.27

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY16
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
Personal Services	\$754,288.00	\$745,852.30	\$8,435.70	
Professional Engineering	\$69,000.00	\$39,555.82	\$29,444.18	\$24,140.00
Administration	\$17,200.00	\$17,080.64	\$119.36	
Snow & Ice Control	\$444,045.00	\$444,045.00 *	\$0.00	
Street Lighting	\$42,600.00	\$39,146.94	\$3,453.06	
Road Machinery	\$192,000.00	\$184,801.75	\$7,198.25	\$6,500.00
Streets/Construction/Maint.	\$155,240.00	\$155,239.89	\$0.11	
Town Garage	\$41,555.00	\$41,482.58	\$72.42	
Hired Services	\$145,500.00	\$145,499.76	\$0.24	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$414,565.00	\$411,582.21	\$2,982.79	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	\$62,280.00	\$62,256.71	\$23.29	
Finnerty House	\$11,110.00	\$10,839.34	\$270.66	
EMS Building	\$17,880.00	\$11,529.44	\$6,350.56	\$6,000.00
Police Station	\$49,315.00	\$48,770.27	\$544.73	
Senior Center Building	\$48,365.00	\$48,223.94	\$141.06	
Recreation Building	\$25,560.00	\$25,535.18	\$24.82	
Freedom Center	\$21,935.00	\$21,923.43	\$11.57	
Franklin School Building	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00	\$0.00	
Fire Station	\$41,670.00	\$41,656.08	\$13.92	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	\$22,340.00	\$22,337.49	\$2.51	
Old Town Hall	\$23,860.00	\$13,015.63	\$10,844.37	\$10,000.00
Town Common	\$2,850.00	\$2,816.02	\$33.98	
Town Clock	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	
Cemetery Department	<u>\$30,150.00</u>	<u>\$28,792.15</u>	<u>\$1,357.85</u>	
	\$2,638,158.00	\$2,566,832.57	\$71,325.43	\$46,640.00
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
Board of Health	\$16,471.00	\$12,605.62	\$3,865.38	
Quabbin Health District	\$130,483.00	\$130,482.56	\$0.44	
Council on Aging	\$487,241.00	\$456,479.48	\$30,761.52	\$15,000.00
Veterans' Services	<u>\$282,115.00</u>	<u>\$262,579.08</u>	<u>\$19,535.92</u>	
	\$916,310.00	\$862,146.74	\$54,163.26	\$15,000.00
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>				
Clapp Memorial Library	\$405,809.00	\$405,595.62	\$213.38	
Recreation Department	\$276,975.00	\$276,903.85	\$71.15	
Recreation - Pool	\$28,154.00	\$28,018.75	\$135.25	
Teen Center Operating	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Town Beach	\$1,800.00	\$1,798.08	\$1.92	
Family Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Historical Commission	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Historic District	\$348.00	\$0.00	\$348.00	
Patriotic Exercises	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
	\$713,886.00	\$712,316.30	\$1,569.70	\$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY16
<u>INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
Unclassified	\$38,975.00	\$38,975.00	\$0.00	
Council of Governments	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	
Pensions	\$2,243,094.00	\$2,243,094.00	\$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Unemployment	\$64,500.00	\$60,005.51	\$4,494.49	
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$970,000.00	\$965,291.25	\$4,708.75	
Group Life-Town Share	\$4,000.00	\$2,893.22	\$1,106.78	
Medicare-Town Share	\$100,000.00	\$89,414.02	\$10,585.98	
General Insurance	\$318,535.00	\$313,746.80	\$4,788.20	
One-time/Capital	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$3,757,854.00	\$3,718,169.80	\$39,684.20	\$12,000.00
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>				
Maturing Debt	\$2,690,000.00	\$2,690,000.00	\$0.00	
Interest	<u>\$682,696.00</u>	<u>\$678,193.40</u>	<u>\$4,502.60</u>	
	\$3,372,696.00	\$3,368,193.40	\$4,502.60	\$0.00
<u>ENCUMBERED FUNDS</u>				
General Government	\$11,410.00	\$7,608.76	\$3,801.24	\$3,800.00
Protection of Persons & Prop.	\$18,083.71	\$12,343.71	\$5,740.00	
School Department	\$85,019.27	\$83,692.40	\$1,326.87	
Public Works	\$31,913.43	\$31,511.23	\$402.20	
Unclassified	\$11,680.21	\$567.21	\$11,113.00	
Human Services	\$708.00	\$708.00	\$0.00	
Culture & Recreation	<u>\$35.26</u>	<u>\$35.26</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$158,849.88	\$136,466.57	\$22,383.31	\$3,800.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY16
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
General Government	\$1,717,917.00	\$1,658,530.13	\$59,386.87	\$6,648.00
Protection of Persons/Property	\$3,513,123.00	\$3,477,236.36	\$35,886.64	\$410.37
Education	\$27,731,505.00	\$27,682,671.80	\$48,833.20	\$36,793.27
Public Works	\$2,638,158.00	\$2,566,832.57	\$71,325.43	\$46,640.00
Human Services	\$916,310.00	\$862,146.74	\$54,163.26	\$15,000.00
Culture & Recreation	\$713,886.00	\$712,316.30	\$1,569.70	\$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	\$3,757,854.00	\$3,718,169.80	\$39,684.20	\$12,000.00
Debt & Interest	<u>\$3,372,696.00</u>	<u>\$3,368,193.40</u>	<u>\$4,502.60</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$44,361,449.00	\$44,046,097.10	\$315,351.90	\$117,491.64
Encumbered Funds	<u>\$158,849.88</u>	<u>\$136,466.57</u>	<u>\$22,383.31</u>	<u>\$3,800.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$44,520,298.88</u>	<u>\$44,182,563.67</u>	<u>\$337,735.21</u>	<u>\$121,291.64</u>

*Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2015

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE (TRUSTS)		TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	
Revenue:								
Taxes	23,912,631.52							23,912,631.52
State Receipts	17,443,822.00							17,443,822.00
Excise Taxes	2,005,233.29							2,005,233.29
Lieu Taxes	322,563.52							322,563.52
Licenses & Permits	227,595.91							227,595.91
Special Assessments	6,377.81							6,377.81
Interest	167,879.94	6,179.60		5,364.12		38,837.80		218,261.46
Fines & Forfeits	47,867.50							47,867.50
Departmental Revenue	306,865.88	2,809,365.16		1,551,173.98	269,185.45			4,936,590.47
Fees	70,955.50							70,955.50
Rentals	54,037.94							54,037.94
Umass Transit	29,242.00							29,242.00
Other Miscellaneous	61,837.99	290,388.05				3,470.00	5,050.00	360,746.04
Grants		3,541,598.57						3,541,598.57
Performance Guarantees		86,000.00						86,000.00
Gifts		418,282.30						418,282.30
Temporary Loans		199,000.00						199,000.00
MWPAT								0.00
Bond Proceeds								0.00
Total Revenues	44,656,910.80	7,350,813.68		0.00	1,556,538.10	269,185.45	42,307.80	53,880,805.83
Expenditures:								
General Government	1,658,530.13	1,112,338.35						2,770,868.48
Protection of Persons & Proper	3,477,236.36	340,742.21						3,817,978.57
Education	27,682,671.80	3,033,268.79				6,600.00		30,722,540.59
Public Works	2,566,832.57	824,391.07		731,763.95	257,464.53			4,380,452.12
Human Services	862,146.74	254,600.17				5,665.57		1,122,412.48
Culture & Recreation	712,316.30	376,562.56						1,088,878.86
Insurance & Unclassified	3,718,169.80							3,718,169.80
Debt & Interest	3,368,193.40			885,214.58				4,253,407.98

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2015

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE		TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	
Expenditures (continued):								
State Assessments	1,195,953.00							1,195,953.00
Prior Year Expenditures	136,466.57			405.00				136,871.57
Land Purchase								0.00
Construction			95,513.04					95,513.04
Equipment								0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds								0.00
Temporary Loan								0.00
Total Expenditures	<u>45,378,516.67</u>	<u>5,941,903.15</u>	<u>95,513.04</u>	<u>1,617,383.53</u>	<u>257,464.53</u>	<u>12,265.57</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>53,303,046.49</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(721,605.87)	1,408,910.53	(95,513.04)	(60,845.43)	11,720.92	30,042.23	5,050.00	577,759.34
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Operating Transfers In	1,152,843.57	64.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	663,818.30	0.00	1,816,726.15
Operating Transfers Out	<u>550,000.00</u>	<u>816,661.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>450,064.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,816,726.15</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>602,843.57</u>	<u>(816,597.59)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>213,754.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Use:	(118,762.30)	592,312.94	(95,513.04)	(60,845.43)	11,720.92	243,796.25	5,050.00	577,759.34
Audit Adjustment *		20.00						20.00
Fund Balance 7-1-14	<u>1,652,152.97</u>	<u>2,643,868.82</u>	<u>312,050.62</u>	<u>421,672.88</u>	<u>14,997.94</u>	<u>2,530,676.69</u>	<u>690,747.83</u>	<u>8,266,167.75</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-15	<u>1,533,390.67</u>	<u>3,236,201.76</u>	<u>216,537.58</u>	<u>360,827.45</u>	<u>26,718.86</u>	<u>2,774,472.94</u>	<u>695,797.83</u>	<u>8,843,947.09</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes	23,965,543.00	23,912,631.52	(52,911.48)
State Receipts	17,387,387.00	17,443,822.00	56,435.00
Excise Taxes	1,664,000.00	2,005,233.29	341,233.29
Lieu Taxes	324,200.00	322,563.52	(1,636.48)
Licenses & Permits	185,000.00	227,595.91	42,595.91
Special Assessments	6,733.00	6,377.81	(355.19)
Interest	167,200.00	167,879.94	679.94
Fines & Forfeits	34,300.00	47,867.50	13,567.50
Departmental Revenue	192,400.00	306,865.88	114,465.88
Fees	68,700.00	70,955.50	2,255.50
Rentals	62,000.00	54,037.94	(7,962.06)
Umass Transit	36,659.00	29,242.00	(7,417.00)
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	61,837.99	61,837.99
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues	44,094,122.00	44,656,910.80	562,788.80
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,717,917.00	1,658,530.13	59,386.87
Protection of Persons & Property	3,513,123.00	3,477,236.36	35,886.64
Education	27,731,505.00	27,682,671.80	48,833.20
Public Works	2,638,158.00	2,566,832.57	71,325.43
Human Services	916,310.00	862,146.74	54,163.26
Culture & Recreation	713,886.00	712,316.30	1,569.70
Insurance & Unclassified	3,757,854.00	3,718,169.80	39,684.20
Debt & Interest	3,372,696.00	3,368,193.40	4,502.60
State Assessments	1,149,244.00	1,195,953.00	(46,709.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	158,849.88	136,466.57	22,383.31
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	45,669,542.88	45,378,516.67	291,026.21
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(721,605.87)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	1,077,500.00	1,152,843.57	
Operating Transfers Out	<u>550,000.00</u>	<u>550,000.00</u>	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>527,500.00</u>	<u>602,843.57</u>	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		<u>(118,762.30)</u>	
Audit Adjustments		0.00	
Fund Balance 7/1/14		<u>1,652,152.97</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/15		<u>1,533,390.67</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2015

	CPA	Highways	Federal	GRANTS			School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
				State							
Revenues:											
Grants	63,690.00	787,080.58	980,665.04	749,241.61	240,599.00				720,322.34		3,541,598.57
Collections & Fees	213,092.73		39,830.81	29,697.00	392,694.47			189,038.77	1,704,004.74	241,006.64	2,809,365.16
Interest	5,608.73		2.94	33.15	245.34				89.98	199.46	6,179.60
Performance Guarantees										86,000.00	86,000.00
Gifts			3,895.04	100.00					414,287.26		418,282.30
Temporary Loans	199,000.00										199,000.00
Other									6,890.00	283,498.05	290,388.05
Total Revenues	481,391.46	787,080.58	1,024,393.83	779,071.76	633,538.81			189,038.77	2,845,594.32	610,704.15	7,350,813.68
Expenditures:											
General Government	599,421.04			346,298.15					82,485.93	84,133.23	1,112,338.35
Protection of Persons & Property			67,922.17	53,035.93					33,104.56	186,679.55	340,742.21
Education			716,162.72	154,419.13	611,013.78			208,442.25	1,037,587.98	305,642.93	3,033,268.79
Department of Public Works		740,214.01	7,228.50						66,468.56	10,480.00	824,391.07
Human Services			157,890.12	67,133.93					29,478.36	97.76	254,600.17
Culture & Recreation				27,104.61					349,457.95		376,562.56
Debt & Interest											0.00
Total Expenditures	599,421.04	740,214.01	949,203.51	647,991.75	611,013.78			208,442.25	1,598,583.34	587,033.47	5,941,903.15
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(118,029.58)	46,866.57	75,190.32	131,080.01	22,525.03			(19,403.48)	1,247,010.98	23,670.68	1,408,910.53
Other Financing Sources (Uses):											
Operating Transfers In									64.28		64.28
Operating Transfers Out			6.28						816,655.59		816,661.87
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	(6.28)	0.00	0.00			0.00	(816,591.31)	0.00	(816,597.59)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2015

	CPA	GRANTS				School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
		Highways	Federal	State						
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Us	(118,029.58)	46,866.57	75,184.04	131,080.01	22,525.03		(19,403.48)	430,419.67	23,670.68	592,312.94
Audit Adjustments					20.00					20.00
Balance 7-1-14	<u>705,511.70</u>	<u>(141,406.37)</u>	<u>(104,467.17)</u>	<u>(80,358.06)</u>	<u>17,196.34</u>		<u>49,576.79</u>	<u>2,018,011.47</u>	<u>179,804.12</u>	<u>2,643,868.82</u>
Balance 6-30-15	<u>587,482.12</u>	<u>(94,539.80)</u>	<u>(29,283.13)</u>	<u>50,721.95</u>	<u>39,741.37</u>		<u>30,173.31</u>	<u>2,448,431.14</u>	<u>203,474.80</u>	<u>3,236,201.76</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2015

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
Interest				\$0.00
MWPAT				\$0.00
USDA Grant				\$0.00
USDA Loan				\$0.00
Rebates				\$0.00
Temporary Loans				\$0.00
Bond Proceeds				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Expenditures:				
Construction			\$95,513.04	\$95,513.04
Equipment				\$0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds				\$0.00
Temporary Loans				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$95,513.04</u>	<u>\$95,513.04</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$95,513.04)	(\$95,513.04)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In				\$0.00
Operation Transfers Out				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$95,513.04)	(\$95,513.04)
Fund Balance 7-1-14	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$85,426.23</u>	<u>\$216,103.73</u>	<u>\$312,050.62</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-15	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$85,426.23</u>	<u>\$120,590.69</u>	<u>\$216,537.58</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,218,599.00	1,296,334.15	77,735.15
Sewer Assessments	173,540.00	242,289.83	68,749.83
Sewer Connections	23,000.00	12,500.00	(10,500.00)
Interest	0.00	5,364.12	5,364.12
Dumping Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total Revenue	1,415,139.00	1,556,538.10	141,399.10
Expenditures:			
Environmental	795,880.00	731,763.95	64,116.05
Debt & Interest	885,220.00	885,214.58	5.42
Prior Year Expenditures	<u>405.00</u>	<u>405.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,681,505.00	1,617,383.53	64,121.47
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(60,845.43)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(60,845.43)	
Fund Balance 7/1/14		<u>421,672.88</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/15		<u>360,827.45</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	253,276.00	263,495.50	10,219.50
Sale of Recycling	6,500.00	<u>5,689.95</u>	<u>(810.05)</u>
Total Revenue	259,776.00	269,185.45	9,409.45
Expenditures:			
Environmental	261,663.00	257,464.53	4,198.47
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	299,937.00	257,464.53	42,472.47
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>11,720.92</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		<u>11,720.92</u>	
Fund Balance 7/1/14		<u>14,997.94</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/15		<u>26,718.86</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2015

	Balance 7/1/2014	Additions	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2015
Poor Funds:				
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69			512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00			10,000.00
School Funds:				
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00			2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00			6,000.00
Library Fund:				
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00			4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:				
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00			2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:				
Senior Center Memorial	0.00			0.00
Penson Fund:				
Pensions	0.00			0.00
Retirement Trust	0.00			0.00
Cemetery Funds:				
Perpetual Care	150,787.14	5,050.00		155,837.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00			200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00			1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00			1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00			300.00
	<u>690,747.83</u>	<u>5,050.00</u>		<u>695,797.83</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Expendable Trust Funds

Statement of Changes in Fund Balance

For Period Ended June 30, 2015

	Balance 7/1/2014	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2015
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	\$212,299.71 \$52,298.92		\$17,863.97 \$509.12	\$5,665.57			\$224,498.11 \$52,808.04	\$224,498.11 \$52,808.04
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	\$5,367.78		\$60.20				\$5,427.98	\$5,427.98
Calvin Bridgman High School	\$15,862.41		\$178.69				\$16,041.10	\$16,041.10
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	\$83,539.97		\$644.43	\$4,500.00			\$79,684.40	\$79,684.40
Pazasis Scholarship	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	\$370.51	\$2,000.00	\$3.02	\$2,000.00			\$373.53	\$373.53
Hansbury Scholarship	\$64.26		\$0.02		(\$64.28)		\$0.00	\$0.00
Shumway Scholarship	\$2,243.72		\$17.49	\$100.00			\$2,161.21	\$2,161.21
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$2,205.76		\$50.69				\$2,256.45	\$2,256.45
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$4,006.35		\$49.88				\$4,056.23	\$4,056.23
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	\$62,272.78	\$1,470.00	\$524.59				\$64,267.37	\$64,267.37
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	\$45,935.22		\$2,846.61				\$48,781.83	\$48,781.83
Susan M.D. Bridgman	\$1,477.36		\$13.70				\$1,491.06	\$1,491.06
Nellie E. Brown	\$2,323.13		\$27.16				\$2,350.29	\$2,350.29
Willard Stebbins	\$2,426.31		\$32.10				\$2,458.41	\$2,458.41
Vianna E. Somes	\$2,705.33		\$24.59				\$2,729.92	\$2,729.92
E. Schmidt Memorial	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Penson Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement Trust	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Conservation Fund	\$884.01		\$7.23				\$891.24	\$891.24
Stabilization Fund	\$1,904,602.77	\$563,818.30	\$13,371.21		(\$450,000.00)		\$2,131,792.28	\$2,131,792.28
Workers' Compensation Fund	\$129,790.39		\$2,613.10				\$132,403.49	\$132,403.49
	<u>\$2,530,676.69</u>	<u>\$667,288.30</u>	<u>\$38,837.80</u>	<u>\$12,265.57</u>	<u>(\$450,064.28)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,774,472.94</u>	<u>\$2,774,472.94</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2015

	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	3,086,507.80	785,896.65	3,872,404.45
2017	3,088,963.88	691,141.59	3,780,105.47
2018	3,101,597.08	580,320.09	3,681,917.17
2019	3,092,436.85	478,600.45	3,571,037.30
2020	2,502,452.74	375,521.70	2,877,974.44
2021	2,279,580.07	272,965.48	2,552,545.55
2022	2,271,683.40	181,400.14	2,453,083.54
2023	743,901.17	87,945.61	831,846.78
2024	756,162.59	55,061.67	811,224.26
2025	377,062.17	40,592.46	417,654.63
2026	372,488.37	26,170.33	398,658.70
2027	374,963.04	11,974.43	386,937.47
2028	127,487.17	3,105.55	130,592.72
2029	29,903.00	1,531.65	31,434.65
2030	30,507.00	927.55	31,434.55
2031	31,124.00	3,346.28	34,470.28
	<u>22,266,820.33</u>	<u>3,596,501.63</u>	<u>25,863,321.96</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2015

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2014	Reduced FY2015	Outstanding 6/30/2015	Due In FY2016
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	3.99	650,000.00	650,000.00	0.00	0.00
High School	2002	2.59	12,525,000.00	1,630,000.00	10,895,000.00	1,605,000.00
			*reissued in '11			
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	2.59	245,000.00	50,000.00	195,000.00	50,000.00
			*reissued in '11			
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	3.99	335,000.00	60,000.00	275,000.00	55,000.00
QECB/Energy Project	2012	1.17	2,735,000.00	205,000.00	2,530,000.00	205,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	2,648,500.00	498,800.00	2,149,700.00	514,000.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	185,000.00	30,000.00	155,000.00	30,000.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	220,000.00	35,000.00	185,000.00	35,000.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	460,000.00	70,000.00	390,000.00	75,000.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,080,000.00	95,000.00	985,000.00	95,000.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	2,263,912.45	192,358.57	2,071,553.88	202,223.12
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	3.99	170,000.00	30,000.00	140,000.00	30,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer	2008	2.00	1,194,762.28	74,693.83	1,120,068.45	76,202.68
Howard Street #1	2011	2.00	453,035.00	22,600.00	430,435.00	23,057.00
Howard Street #2	2011	2.00	16,067.00	1,004.00	15,063.00	1,045.00
Equipment: Capital 04						
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Topping	2005	3.99	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	2008	4.18	200,000.00	20,000.00	180,000.00	20,000.00
	2008	4.18	<u>615,000.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>	<u>545,000.00</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>
			<u>26,006,276.73</u>	<u>3,739,456.40</u>	<u>22,266,820.33</u>	<u>3,086,527.80</u>

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
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7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015

FISCAL 2012 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 346.10
COLLECTED \$ 346.10
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 346.10 \$ 346.10

FISCAL 2013 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 31,419.78
COMMITTED \$ -
COLLECTED \$ 28,956.02
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 2,463.76
\$ 31,419.78 \$ 31,419.78

FISCAL 2014 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 366,806.71
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 3,189.60
REFUND \$ 333.82
TO TAX TITLE \$ 39,958.34
COLLECTED \$ 289,266.25
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 41,105.54
\$ 370,330.13 \$ 370,330.13

FISCAL 2015 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 11,427,085.89
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 12,133,603.38
REFUND \$ 71,388.86
TO TAX TITLE \$ 63,990.67
TO TAX POSSESSION \$ 286.25
ABATED \$ 114,938.11
COLLECTED \$ 23,105,643.95
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 347,219.15
\$ 23,632,078.13 \$ 23,632,078.13

FISCAL 2016 REAL ESTATE
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 11,889,187.68
COLLECTED \$ 42,728.43
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 11,846,459.25
\$ 11,889,187.68 \$ 11,889,187.68

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2014
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 2,334.26
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 8,824.58
COLLECTED \$ 11,158.84
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ -
\$ 11,158.84 \$ 11,158.84

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2015
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 37,218.38
REFUND \$ 4,083.68
COLLECTED \$ 41,302.06
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ -
\$ 41,302.06 \$ 41,302.06

2010 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 5,549.20
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 38.75
ABATED \$ 5,055.97
COLLECTED \$ 531.98
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ -
\$ 5,587.95 \$ 5,587.95

CPA 2013
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 39.66
COLLECTED \$ 39.66
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ -
\$ 39.66 \$ 39.66

CPA 2014
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 2,645.50
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 142.54
TO TAX TITLE \$ 379.66
COLLECTED \$ 2,370.75
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 37.63
\$ 2,788.04 \$ 2,788.04

CPA 2015
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 102,539.82
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 112,193.25
REFUND \$ 190.33
TO TAX TITLE \$ 499.50
ABATED \$ 1,806.91
COLLECTED \$ 210,457.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 2,159.99
\$ 214,923.40 \$ 214,923.40

CPA 2016
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 107,943.24
COLLECTED \$ 146.30
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 107,796.94
\$ 107,943.24 \$ 107,943.24

2014 SEWER CHARGES
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 389,931.61
REFUND \$ 4,339.12
ABATED \$ 17,402.07
TO LIENS \$ 66,549.37
COLLECTED \$ 310,319.29
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ -
\$ 394,270.73 \$ 394,270.73

2015 SEWER CHARGES
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 1,342,145.44
REFUND \$ 264.43
COLLECTED \$ 913,878.76
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 428,531.11
\$ 1,342,409.87 \$ 1,342,409.87

2014 SEWER LIENS
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 4,664.38
COLLECTED \$ 4,664.38
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ -
\$ 4,664.38 \$ 4,664.38

2015 SEWER LIENS
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 73,330.58
TO TAX TITLE \$ 547.96
COLLECTED \$ 71,383.49
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 1,399.13
\$ 73,330.58 \$ 73,330.58

2015 DAIGLE WELL BETT
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 6,280.92
COLLECTED \$ 6,220.31
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 60.61
\$ 6,280.92 \$ 6,280.92

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2011 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				DAIGLE WELL BETT IN ADVANCE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014		\$	7,175.79	COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$		157.50
COLLECTED	\$	1,172.10		COLLECTED	\$	157.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$	6,003.69		OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015	\$	-	
	\$	7,175.79	\$ 7,175.79		\$	157.50	\$ 157.50
2012 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				FISCAL 2010 PERS PROP			
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014		\$	11,292.55	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014		\$	973.03
REFUND		\$	48.12	ABATED	\$	973.03	
ABATED	\$	155.62		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$	-	
COLLECTED	\$	4,138.26			\$	973.03	\$ 973.03
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$	7,046.79		FISCAL 2011 PERS PROP			
	\$	11,340.67	\$ 11,340.67	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014		\$	3,839.02
2013 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				ABATED	\$	197.19	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014		\$	32,599.75	COLLECTED	\$	3,641.83	
COMMITTED		\$	99.17	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$	-	
REFUND		\$	890.41		\$	3,839.02	\$ 3,839.02
ABATED	\$	1,448.23		FISCAL 2012 PERS PROP			
COLLECTED	\$	17,661.55		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014		\$	6,674.12
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015	\$	14,479.55		ABATED	\$	469.64	
	\$	33,589.33	\$ 33,589.33	COLLECTED	\$	2,654.19	
2014 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$	3,550.29	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014		\$	259,843.32		\$	6,674.12	\$ 6,674.12
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	185,795.04	FISCAL 2013 PERS PROP			
REFUND		\$	16,357.57	OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014		\$	7,234.52
ABATED	\$	26,652.48		ABATED	\$	641.22	
COLLECTED	\$	400,505.13		COLLECTED	\$	134.30	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015	\$	34,838.32		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$	6,459.00	
	\$	461,995.93	\$ 461,995.93		\$	7,234.52	\$ 7,234.52
2015 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				FISCAL 2014 PERS PROP			
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,729,129.35	OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014		\$	9,956.91
REFUND		\$	11,134.51	ABATED	\$	1,194.86	
ABATED	\$	60,140.12		COLLECTED	\$	2,976.47	
COLLECTED	\$	1,523,640.37		OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015	\$	5,785.58	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$	156,483.37			\$	9,956.91	\$ 9,956.91
	\$	1,740,263.86	\$ 1,740,263.86	FISCAL 2015 PERS PROP			
2014 TRILAKES BETT				OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014		\$	244,620.97
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014		\$	4,786.87	COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	248,973.97
REFUND		\$	2.03	REFUND		\$	370.06
COLLECTED	\$	4,788.90		COLLECTED	\$	482,941.06	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015	\$	11,023.94	
	\$	4,788.90	\$ 4,788.90		\$	493,965.00	\$ 493,965.00
2015 TRILAKES BETT				FISCAL 2016 PERS PROP			
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	164,625.07	COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	246,729.88
TO TAX TITLE	\$	690.38		OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015	\$	246,729.88	
COLLECTED	\$	160,851.80			\$	246,729.88	\$ 246,729.88
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015	\$	3,082.89					
	\$	164,625.07	\$ 164,625.07				

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TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014		\$	1,626,472.10
COMMITTED INT IN ADVANCE		\$	273.66
APPORTIONED FY15 RE	\$	156,784.71	
COLLECTED	\$	76,651.16	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$	1,393,309.89	
	\$	1,626,745.76	\$ 1,626,745.76

COMSTAR			
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT			
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014		\$	540,256.20
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	2,056,222.80
REFUNDED		\$	4,703.21
ABATED	\$	1,237,328.59	
COLLECTED	\$	720,115.86	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015	\$	643,737.76	
	\$	2,601,182.21	\$ 2,601,182.21

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR	
JULY 1, 2014- JUNE 30, 2015	
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 27,923,319.44
AMBULANCE ACCT	\$ 720,115.86
TOTAL	\$ 28,643,435.30

TAXES, LIENS, EXCISES	\$ 27,542,130.90
INTEREST/FEES	\$ 167,555.94
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 234.71
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT/INT	\$ 213,397.89
AMBULANCE ACCT	\$ 720,115.86
TOTAL	\$ 28,643,435.30

MISCELLANEOUS REC.	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$ 50,300.73
COMMITTED	\$ 34,013.10
COLLECTED	\$ 33,816.42
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015	\$ 50,497.41
	\$ 84,313.83

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER

						TOWN CLERK														
						2015 FINANCIAL REPORT														
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD							
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	415.00	312.00	640.00	576.00	576.00	592.00	756.00	728.00	384.00	520.00	480.00	552.00	6531.00							
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	60.00	60.00	80.00	40.00	100.00	160.00	180.00	40.00	280.00	160.00	100.00	60.00	1320.00							
BOARD OF APPEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	225.00	135.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	660.00							
BURIAL PERMIT	30.00	30.00	0.00	60.00	15.00	45.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	30.00	15.00	75.00	450.00							
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	360.00	140.00	440.00	200.00	320.00	160.00	140.00	200.00	200.00	140.00	200.00	60.00	2560.00							
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	200.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	900.00							
DOG FINES	50.00	420.00	3438.50	1030.00	1676.00	1633.00	385.00	55.00	1073.00	319.00	170.00	0.00	10249.50							
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	0.00	0.00	410.00	175.00	160.00	100.00	225.00	80.00	260.00	320.00	30.00	50.00	1810.00							
DOG LICENSE	9245.00	3716.00	4708.00	866.00	891.00	674.00	242.00	143.00	413.00	159.00	493.00	2856.00	24406.00							
DOG GIFT FUND	8.00	0.00	425.00	0.00	92.00	30.00	209.00	600.00	35.00	10.00	15.00	1936.63	3360.63							
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION	0.00	0.00	1425.00	450.00	25.00	25.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1975.00							
HISTORICAL APPLICATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	225.00							
PARKING CITATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
PLANNING BOARD FEE	295.00	0.00	295.00	340.00	170.00	300.00	0.00	835.00	605.00	205.00	235.00	80.00	3360.00							
POLE ORDER	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	20.00	60.00	0.00	160.00							
RAFFLE PERMIT	15.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	30.00	15.00	0.00	30.00	90.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	240.00							
STREET LIST BK/DISK	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	40.00	0.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	0.00	145.00							
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00							
MSC SALES	135.00	47.20	103.00	9.40	6.00	63.20	5.00	25.10	23.50	4.00	4.20	2.20	427.80							
TOTAL	10918.00	4740.20	12099.50	3941.40	4411.00	4052.20	2632.00	3101.10	3383.50	2092.00	1872.20	5686.83	58929.93							
Respectfully Submitted,																				
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte																				
Town Clerk																				

TOWN CLERK
2015 VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Boston	1	1
	Gardner	1	
	Greenfield	1	2
	Holyoke	4	3
	Northampton	12	15
	Springfield	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>
		59	66

<u>Marriages:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	40	43
Non-Resident	17	16

Married in Belchertown: 23

Married Out-of-Town: 35

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	51	42
Non-Resident	2	3

Place of Death:

Agawam	2	Northampton	5
Amherst	4	Palmer	10
Belchertown	33	South Hadley	3
Boston	3	Springfield	11
Chicopee	1	Ware	14
Hadley	3	Wilbraham	5
Holyoke	3	Worcester	1

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN
MAY 18, 2015**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Town Clerk	Colleen K. Toothill-Berte		212	198	289	165	864
3 year		Blanks	46	34	46	45	171
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
		Total	259	234	337	212	1042
Board of Selectmen	Ronald A. Aponte		154	126	242	99	621
3 years	Sean M. Gallagher		99	89	121	115	424
Vote for two	Nicholas J. O'Connor		151	141	157	114	563
	Nicholas A. Tirrell		41	51	55	33	180
		Blanks	70	60	96	60	286
		Sundry Write-ins	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>
		Total	518	468	674	424	2084
School Committee	Richard J. Fritsch		151	145	221	123	640
3 years	Thomas C. Laughner		172	164	216	128	680
Vote for two		Blanks	189	156	235	173	753
		Sundry Write-ins	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>
		Total	518	468	674	424	2084
Planning Board	Michael A. Hofler		186	170	248	143	747
5 years		Blanks	72	63	89	69	293
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
		Total	259	234	337	212	1042
Planning Board	Donna M. Lusignan		145	113	202	107	567
3 years	Sierra Pelletier		61	68	81	52	262
Vote for one		Blanks	53	52	54	53	212
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
		Total	259	234	337	212	1042
Board of Assessors	Donald L. Minney		178	174	230	145	727
3 years		Blanks	81	60	103	67	311
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
		Total	259	234	337	212	1042
Board of Health	Roger M. Bonsall		177	171	243	141	732
3 years		Blanks	81	62	94	71	308
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
		Total	259	234	337	212	1042
Housing Authority	Nancy Delgado Bachmann		172	168	240	132	712
5 years		Blanks	87	65	96	80	328
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
		Total	259	234	337	212	1042

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN
MAY 18, 2015**

Housing Authority	Barbara J Chiappetta	2	8	0	1	11
3 years	Blanks	252	224	325	203	1004
Vote for one	Sundry Write-ins	5	2	12	8	27
	Total	259	234	337	212	1042
Housing Authority-Resident Member						
1 year	Kenneth A. Dorey	177	170	236	140	723
Vote for one	Blanks	79	60	89	72	300
	Sundry Write-ins	3	4	12	0	19
	Total	259	234	337	212	1042
Belchertown Registered Voters						
	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	639	582	623	722	2566
	Republican	294	358	401	257	1310
	Green Rainbow	6	4	1	5	16
	United Independen	0	1	3	0	4
	Unenrolled	1240	1324	1443	1310	5317
	Other	5	19	9	18	51
	Total	2184	2288	2480	2312	9264
	11.20% Vote Cast on 5/18/2015					
	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		259	234	337	212	1042
Attest:						
Colleen Toothill-Berte						
Town Clerk						



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 11, 2015 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium.

FY15

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:07PM

Registered voters present – 162 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer from the Assessors Expense Account the sum of \$1,000 to pay the following unpaid bill of a prior year:

Patriot Properties \$1,000

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings	\$30,000	Sewer Debt
Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings	\$30,000	Sewer Expense
Maintenance Wage	\$4,000	Unemployment
Police Wage	\$6,000	Lawrence Memorial Hall
Accountant Wage	\$200	Hydrant Services
Law Account	\$10,000	Old Town Hall
Assessors Wage	\$2,800	Old Town Hall
Workers' Compensation	\$6,000	Town Garage
Police Station	\$7,000	Town Garage
Injured on Duty	\$6,500	Road Machinery
Senior Center Building	\$3,000	Road Machinery
Recreation Wage	\$6,000	EMS Building
Tadgell Building	\$2,000	Finnerty House
Town Clerk Wage	\$3,500	Professional Engineering
Fire Wage	\$8,500	Professional Engineering
Highway Wage	\$5,000	Professional Engineering
Police Wage	\$20,000	Snow & Ice
General Insurance	\$15,000	Snow & Ice
Unclassified	\$15,000	Snow & Ice
Fire Wage	\$50,000	Snow & Ice
Veterans' Benefits	\$35,000	Snow & Ice
Free Cash	\$37,045	Snow & Ice
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$30,000	Snow & Ice
Free Cash	\$16,699	School Appropriation (snow)
COA Wage	\$13,500	COA Expense
Tadgell Building	\$2,000	Fire Station Building
Freedom Building	\$2,000	Road Machinery

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM

Attest:

Colleen K Toothill-Berte

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 11, 2015
FY15**

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING
1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000 from Assessors Expense Account to Patriot Properties, an unpaid bill of a prior year	
2	\$366,744.00	\$30,000 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to Sewer Debt; \$30,000 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to Sewer Expense; \$4,000 from Maintenance Wage to Unemployment; \$6,000 from Police Wage to Lawrence Memorial Hall; \$200 from Accountant Wage to Hydrant Services; \$10,000 from Law Account to Old Town Hall; \$2,800 from Assessors Wage to old Town Hall; \$6,000 from Workers' Compensation to Town Garage; \$7,000 from Police Station to Town Garage; \$6,500 from Injured on Duty to Road Machinery; \$3,000 from Senior Center Building to Road Machinery; \$6,000 from Recreation Wage to EMS Building; \$2,000 from Tadgell Building to Finnerty House; \$3,500 from Town Clerk Wage to Professional Engineering; \$8,500 from Fire Wage to Professional Engineering; \$5,000 from Highway Wage to Professional Engineering; \$20,000 from Police Wage to Snow & Ice; \$15,000 from General Insurance to Snow & Ice; \$15,000 from Unclassified to Snow & Ice; \$50,000 from Fire Wage to Snow & Ice; \$35,000 from Veterans' Benefits to Snow & Ice; \$37,045 from Free Cash to Snow & Ice; \$30,000 from Health Insurance-Town Share to Snow & Ice; \$16,699 from Free Cash to School Appropriation (snow); \$13,500 from COA Wage to COA Expense; \$2,000 from Tadgell Building to Fire Station Building; \$2,000 from Freedom Building to Road Machinery	
TOTAL	\$367,744.00	\$367,744.00	

Attest:

Colleen K Toothill-Berte

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk



Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 11, 2015 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium
FY16

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:33PM

Registered voters present – 162 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was performed on the trumpet by Joseph Brozek of the Belchertown High School Band.

Selectman Ronald E. Aponte presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Paul McGrath.

Selectman George Archible presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Vicki Martins-Auffrey.

Selectman Brenda Aldrich presented the Employee of the Year Award to Christine Vigneux.

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Ken Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for a three year term.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

- Assessors \$9.29
- Board of Health Members \$7.25

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

Tom Barry, Board of Assessors, spoke against this article. Wages have not changed since 1990 and he is looking to increase the amount. He asked town meeting not to support this article.

(Vote – Majority No)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program or any other state grant program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$3,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9

Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,825,889 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,997,215 and appropriate the sum of \$700,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of \$3,697,215 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,820,746, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$293,246, for a total appropriation of \$27,113,992 for the Town School Department each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,061,370 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,706,458 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$268,976 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$13,111 for a total appropriation of \$282,087 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$152,512, appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$155,307 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$1,452,300 for a total appropriation of \$1,760,119 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$864,436 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,627 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$748,165 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,527,996, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$300,000 for a total appropriation of \$3,827,996 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3 Required – Passed by 2/3)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,123 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,592,461 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10

Voted to authorized the use of the following funds pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and the direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions /Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	\$25,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	\$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	\$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Director	Operating Town Beach Concession	\$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Director	Operating Town Beach	\$50,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Director	Pool Programs	\$130,000	None
Tween and up Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Director	Tween and up programs	\$25,000	None
Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	\$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	\$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	\$150,000	None

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11

Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner.

In §91-6 Employee Benefits, B. Benefits, (12) Uniforms:

- **Remove** the following sentence from paragraph (a): Each mechanic in the Department of Public Works shall receive a mechanic's tool allowance of \$150 per fiscal year.

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

- **Replace** Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart as follows:

Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Director of Public Works	\$84,261 - \$107,563
Fire Chief	\$84,261 - \$107,563
Director of Information Technology	\$70,218 - \$89,636
Town Planner	\$70,218 - \$89,636
Town Treasurer-Collector	\$66,874 - \$85,368
Town Accountant	\$66,874 - \$85,368
Building Commissioner	\$66,874 - \$85,368
Director of Assessments	\$66,874 - \$85,368
Conservation Administrator	\$64,302 - \$82,084
Council on Aging Executive Director	\$64,302 - \$82,084
Director of Parks & Recreation	\$64,302 - \$82,084
Veterans' Agent	\$61,829 - \$78,927

Under Classified Nonexempt Employees:

- **Amend** the following title and grade:
 - Recreation Department Administrative Assistant, Grade 8 **to** Department Assistant II/Office Manager, Grade 6
- **Insert** new title and grade:
 - Technical Office Assistant/Program Manager, Grade 5

Under Part-Time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:

- **Amend** the following:
 - Electrical Inspector from \$25 per inspection to \$30 per inspection
 - Plumbing Inspector from \$25 per inspection to \$30 per inspection
 - Gas Inspector from \$25 per inspection to \$30 per inspection
 - Assistant Building Inspector from \$25 per inspection to \$30 per inspection

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

- **Remove** the compensation chart effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and insert the following chart:

Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	10.97	11.27	11.57	11.89	12.21	12.56	12.90	13.25	13.62	13.99
2	14.25	14.64	15.05	15.46	15.89	16.32	16.77	17.23	17.71	18.20
3	16.39	16.84	17.30	17.78	18.27	18.77	19.29	19.82	20.36	20.92
4	18.84	19.36	19.89	20.44	21.00	21.59	22.19	22.79	23.42	24.05
5	20.74	21.30	21.89	22.49	23.10	23.75	24.40	25.06	25.77	26.47
6	22.81	23.43	24.07	24.75	25.42	26.11	26.84	27.57	28.33	29.11
7	25.08	25.78	26.48	27.21	27.96	28.72	29.52	30.32	31.16	32.03
8	26.09	26.81	27.54	28.29	29.08	29.88	30.70	31.55	32.41	33.30
9	27.13	27.89	28.64	29.44	30.24	31.08	31.93	32.80	33.71	34.64
10	29.03	29.82	30.65	31.50	32.35	33.25	34.17	35.10	36.07	37.06

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

- Article 12** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Stabilization Fund to purchase and equip a dump truck for the Department of Public Works. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(2/3 required - Vote – 2/3 Yes)
- Article 13** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreements of up to five years for Department of Public Works vehicle leases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 14** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$37,000 from the Stabilization Fund for roof and drain repairs at Jabish Brook Middle School. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(2/3 required - Vote – 2/3 Yes)
- Article 15** Voted to accept MGL 54, §16A, which provides that if the warden, clerk, or inspector, or the deputy of any such officer, if any, is not present at the opening of the polls, the Town Clerk may appoint a person to fill such vacancy who shall be an enrolled voter of the same political party as the absent officer, if any competent person enrolled in such party is present and willing to service.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 16** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement of up to four years for an AFIS finger printer for the Police Department.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 17** Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding a chapter entitled “Motorboats” as printed below and to authorize the Town Clerk to assign a chapter number and internal numbering consistent with the Code.

CHAPTER xxx MOTORBOATS

§ xxx-1. Authority

This chapter is adopted as authorized by G.L. c. 90B, § 15, which permits municipal regulation of motorboats on the waters of the Commonwealth by a bylaw, subject to the approval of said bylaw by the Director of the Office of Law Enforcement of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

§ xxx-2. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health and safety of persons using the lakes, ponds, and rivers 10 acres or more in size within the Town, by requiring the safe operation of motorboats on those water bodies. The chapter seeks to ensure that motorboats are operated in a safe and courteous manner that respects other uses of those waterbodies and avoids the risk of injury to persons or property.
- B. The requirements of this chapter are in addition to, and are to be applied in a manner consistent with, the requirements of other federal and state statutes and regulations pertaining to the operation of motorboats on public water bodies in the Town, including 33 U.S.C §§2001-2073 and 33 CFR Part 83, and G.L. c. 90B, §§ 1-19 and 323 CMR 2.01-2.15.

§ xxx-3. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply (see 323 CMR 2.02 for additional definitions):

HEADWAY SPEED: The minimum speed at which a vessel may be operated and maintain steerage way, but not to exceed six miles per hour.

MOTORBOAT: Any vessel propelled by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

§ xxx-4. Operation of Motorboats

A. General Requirements

1. Operators of motorboats must proceed in a safe and courteous manner, always keep a proper lookout, and maintain safe speed.
2. No person shall operate a motorboat at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the lives and safety of the public; the state of visibility; the traffic density; the maneuverability of the vessel; the state wind, water, and current; and the proximity of navigational hazards. In no case shall a person operate a motorboat at a rate of speed exceeding 35 miles per hour, unless otherwise specified herein.
3. Motorboats shall give the right of way to any oar-propelled boat, any boat proceeding under sail, and/or any anchored vessel.
4. Motorboats meeting head-on on opposite courses shall be operated as to pass each other on the left or port side. When boats approach each other obliquely, or at right angles, the boat approaching on the right has the right of way.
5. No motorboat shall be operated at a speed creating an excessive wash or wake so as to interfere with the operation of other water craft, to endanger swimmers or damage property and the lake shore. The wake should not rock excessively other boats, docks, etc. The wake is considered a part of the boat and the operator is responsible for any interference, damage or injury caused by the wake.
6. No person shall operate a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
7. Motorboats are not allowed to operate on any water bodies under 15 acres in area.
8. Motorboats are not allowed to operate on Lake Arcadia at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.

B. Minimum Distance for Operation

1. Motorboats shall not be operated (a) at a distance of less than 150 feet of shoreline which is being used as a swimming area, whether public or private, or (b) within 75 feet of the boundary of a public or private swimming beach, if designated by markers, floats, or otherwise.

C. Operation at Headway Speed

1. No person shall operate a motorboat at a rate of speed in excess of Headway Speed:
 - a. when leaving the shore, or approaching a landing place.
 - b. at a distance of less than 150 feet from any marina, boat launching facility, canoe, kayak, raft, float, or swimmer.
 - c. at a distance of less than 300 feet of a shoreline being used as a swimming area or bathing beach, whether public or private.
 - d. when the operator's vision is obscured by a bridge, a bend or curve in the waterway, or any other reason.

D. Water-Skiing

1. Any motorboat towing a person or persons on water-skis or aquaplane shall be occupied by at least two persons age twelve or older, one of whom shall give full attention to the operation of the boat, and the other shall give full attention to the safety of the person or persons being towed.
2. The length of the ski-rope shall not exceed 75 feet.

3. Water-skiing is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

E. Littering and control of vegetation

1. Littering or throwing trash from a boat into a waterbody is prohibited.
2. Weeds and vegetation must be cleaned off engine propellers, trailers, and boat exteriors before launching motorboats, and cleaned off again when leaving the waterbody. Weeds shall be disposed of in trash barrels or on dry land away from the waterbody.

§ xxx-5. Use of Winter Recreational Vehicles on Frozen Waterbodies.

- A. No person shall operate a winter recreational vehicle on a frozen waterbody, over 10 acres in size, unless the ice has a thickness of at least six inches.
- B. No person shall operate a winter recreational vehicle on a frozen waterbody, over 10 acres in size, within 150 feet of an occupied residence without the permission of the owner or tenant of such residence, except in cases of emergency or when directly departing from or returning to such residence.

§ xxx-6. Enforcement

- A. The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by the Town Police and by the Board of Selectmen and its agents or designees, which may issue violation notices and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.
- B. A person violating any of the provisions of this chapter or an order issued thereunder shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$50 dollars for each such violation.
- C. As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40, §21D and Article II, Section 1-2 of the Town Bylaws, in which case the enforcing person shall be any Town police officer or the Board of Selectmen and its agents or designees. For non-criminal disposition, the penalty shall be \$50 for each violation. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made for a hand count. Vote – Unanimous Yes
(Vote – 80 Yes, 38 No – Majority Yes)

A motion was made to reconsider Article 3
(Vote – 74 Yes, 45 No – 2/3 required - did not pass)

Article 18

Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$5,000 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2016; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- \$28,047 from FY 2016 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
- \$28,047 from FY 2016 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
- \$28,047 from FY 2016 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing.

And to appropriate and transfer \$50,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 26 at the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting,

And to appropriate and transfer \$35,700 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 29 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

And further to appropriate and transfer \$40,400 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 33 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

(Vote Unanimous – Yes)

Article 19 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$3,500 from the Reserve for Historic resources for the preservation of historic tax records dating from 1862 – 1930 by microfilming the same, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)

Motion made to amend this article, changing Board of Selectmen to Board of Assessors.
(Vote Majority No) (Vote Majority – Yes)

Article 20 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$7,750 from the Reserve for Historic Resources for the rehabilitation and preservation of the historic South Cemetery, Hillcrest Cemetery, and Evergreen Cemetery by installing new concrete bounds through the process of field measurements and verifications, mapping, identification of plot locations, excavations, removal of old bounds, and related tasks, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of the Department of Public Works. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)
(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$4,900 from the Reserve for Historic Resources for the restoration of the historic gravestones at the Rural Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$23,441 from the Reserve for Open Space for the purpose of granting the same to Kestrel Land Trust to accept, monitor, and enforce the terms of conservation restrictions to be granted by the Town to Kestrel Land Trust on Town-owned properties acquired with the use of CPA funds. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$30,122 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for the creation, preservation, and rehabilitation of recreational facilities at the Skate Park by designing and constructing a new skate park at the existing skate park location, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Skate Park Committee. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 24 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$26,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the rehabilitation and restoration of the historic Clapp Memorial Library, on which the Town holds a historic preservation restriction, by restoring the elevator to working order and making such changes to the Library as required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, with said funds to be granted pursuant to a grant agreement entered into with the Clapp Memorial Library; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions on which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 25 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$49,495 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the creation and rehabilitation of Jessica's Boundless Playground, such funds to be used to prepare the recreational land and equip and install recreational facilities thereon, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$12,500 from the Reserve for Historic Resources, and appropriate and transfer \$12,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, for a total appropriation of \$25,000, said funds to be used for the rehabilitation of the historic Hope United Methodist Church, on which the Town holds a historic preservation restriction, by making improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal, state and/or local building or access codes, with said funds to be granted pursuant to a grant agreement entered into with the Hope United Methodist Church, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 27 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$218,000 from the Reserve for Community Housing for the acquisition of an affordable housing restriction on 43 units in the proposed Assisted Living facility to be built on the former BSS campus, which 43 units shall be occupied by persons having incomes not in excess of 80% of the area median income, with said funds to be granted pursuant to a grant agreement, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions on which the funds may be expended, and accept said affordable housing restriction on such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, which restriction shall be enforceable by the Town for a period of 80 years. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 28 **CITIZEN PETITION: - Non-binding**
Voted to direct the Belchertown Conservation Commission (BCC) to publicly review the priorities for Commission practice that were provided in the enabling legislation for the formation of the BCC, MGL Chapter 40, Section 8c, (“for the *promotion and development of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources* of said city or town.”), to gather or develop definitions for these duties as needed, to rank actions needed for these mandates citing authority for and limitations to steps to be taken by the BCC with particular regard to the expected benefits to the Town of limitations of proactivity, and to seek Town Meeting approval of the proposed steps,

Or take any other action relative thereto.
(Vote – Majority – Yes)

Article 29 **CITIZEN PETITION: - Non-binding**
Voted to direct the Belchertown Conservation Commission (BCC) to publicly review the definition of the term “Conservation” currently in use, see MGL Chapter 40, Section 8c, and to direct the BCC to suggest changes to this definition as the current and projected needs to the community develop, and to publicly officially amend this definition,

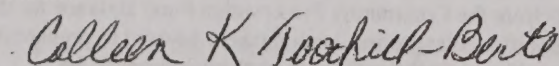
or take any other action relative thereto.

After much discussion a motion was made to move the question.
(2/3 required - Vote – Unanimous – Yes)

A vote then was taken on Article 29.
(Vote – Majority – No)

Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM

Attest:



Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk



CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
 TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2015
 FY 16

ARTICLE	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None					
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases	\$100.00	\$100.00			
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00			
6	None					
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	\$3,000.00				3,000.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Development Account
8	None					
9	Itemized Budget					
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	\$1,525,889.00				
	1. Moderator, Salary		\$0.00			
	Expenses					
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		\$12,600.00			
	Wages		\$0.00			
	Expenses		\$4,516.00			
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		\$106,272.00			
	Wages		\$114,120.00			
	Expenses		\$8,718.00			
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		\$72,218.00			
	Wages		\$111,700.00			
	Expenses		\$24,430.00			
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		\$66,278.00			
	Wages		\$57,100.00			
	Expenses		\$13,540.00			
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		\$72,218.00			
	Wages		\$172,915.00			
	Expenses		\$46,105.00			
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		\$82,259.00			
	Wages		\$67,070.00			
	Expenses		\$167,053.00			
	8. Board of Assessors,					
	Assessors (Elected)		\$3,200.00			
	Assessor (Salary)		\$72,218.00			
	Wages		\$199,450.00			
	Expenses		\$19,730.00			
	Field Review Update		\$0.00			
	9. Law Account, Fees		\$91,300.00			
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		\$0.00			
	Expenses		\$250.00			
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		\$450.00			
	Wages		\$16,582.00			
	Expenses		\$17,450.00			
	12. Planning Board, Salary		\$73,800.00			
	Wages		\$31,240.00			
	Expenses		\$3,180.00			
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		\$2,000.00			
	Expenses		\$695.00			
	14. Economic Development L.C., Expenses		\$390.00			
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay, Expenses		\$100.00			
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		\$1,500.00			
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		\$500.00			



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ARTICLE#	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
18.	Conservation Commission, Salary		\$67,582.00			
	Wages		\$7,470.00			
	Expenses		\$1,690.00			
18A.	Lakes Committee, Expenses		\$14,000.00			
	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$3,697,215.00				
19.	Police Department, Salary		\$96,068.00			
	Wages		\$1,664,338.00			
	Expenses		\$358,035.00			
21.	Fire Department, Salary		\$88,560.00			
	Wages		\$546,298.00			432,122 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Expenses		\$0.00			267,878.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
22.	Injured on Duty, Expenses		\$8,000.00			
23.	Hydrant Service, Expenses		\$25,656.00			
24.	Dog Officer Salary		\$34,260.00			
	Asst. Dog Officer Salary		\$3,600.00			
	Wages		\$11,900.00			
	Expenses		\$13,675.00			
25.	Inspection Services, Salary		\$70,285.00			
	Wages		\$61,480.00			
	Expenses		\$13,500.00			
26.	Civil Defense, Wages		\$350.00			
	Expenses		\$1,210.00			
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$27,113,992.00				
27.	Town School Department					
	Foundation Spending		\$25,057,891.00	\$293,246.00		
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		\$1,763,055.00			
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$1,061,370.00				
28.	Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District					
	Net Budget		\$1,061,370.00			
	DPW – Highways	\$1,706,458.00				
29.	Highways/Personnel					
	Salary		\$96,068.00			
	Wages		\$683,710.00			
	Uniforms		\$12,100.00			
	Expenses		\$750.00			
30.	Highway Admin., Expenses		\$21,220.00			
31.	Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		\$242,000.00			
32.	DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		\$179,450.00			
33.	Hired Services, Expenses		\$167,500.00			
34.	Street Lighting, Expenses		\$42,800.00			
35.	Streets/Construction, Expenses		\$163,240.00			
36.	Professional Engineering, Expenses		\$90,390.00			
37.	Town Garage, Expenses		\$37,230.00			
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL	\$2,042,206.00				
38.	Transfer Station (Total)					
	Wages		\$0.00			\$80,755.00 from Landfill Receipts
	Expenses		\$0.00			\$188,221 from Landfill Receipts and \$13,111 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Hazardous Waste Day		\$0.00			
39.	Sewer Enterprise Fund, Wages		\$152,512.00			\$105,223.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash



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	Expenses		\$0.00			\$50,084.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash and \$569,838 from Sewer Receipts
	Maturing Debt		\$0.00			\$790,206.00 from Sewer Receipts
	Maturing Debt Interest		\$0.00			\$92,258.00 from Sewer Receipts
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	\$854,436.00				
40.	Board of Health, Salary					
	Wages		\$2,825.00			
	Expenses		\$5,500.00			
41.	Council on Aging, Salary		\$8,146.00			
	Wages		\$67,582.00			
	Expenses		\$403,800.00			
42.	Veterans Services,		\$38,240.00			
	Agent Salary		\$64,983.00			
	Expenses		\$2,080.00			
	Veterans Benefits		\$241,000.00			
43.	Veterans Graves - Expenses		\$2,180.00			
44.	DPW - Cemetery Department, Expenses		\$28,000.00			
45.	Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		\$100.00			
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$750,627.00				
46.	Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		\$70,285.00			
	Wages		\$256,160.00			
	Expenses		\$107,162.00			
47.	Parks and Recreation, Salary		\$67,582.00			
	Wages		\$210,379.00			
	Expenses		\$7,855.00			
48.	Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		\$28,154.00			
49.	Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		\$2,050.00			
51.	Family Center, Expenses		\$0.00			
	DPW - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	\$748,165.00				
52.	DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		\$350,580.00			
	Expenses		\$87,165.00			
53.	DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		\$52,155.00			
54.	DPW-Town Common, Expenses		\$3,750.00			
55.	DPW-Town Clock, Wages		\$600.00			
56.	DPW-Finney House, Expenses		\$8,500.00			
57.	DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		\$9,355.00			
58.	DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		\$53,915.00			
59.	DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		\$22,835.00			
60.	DPW-Police Station, Expenses		\$55,290.00			
61.	DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		\$10,655.00			
62.	DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		\$19,399.00			
63.	DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		\$42,825.00			
64.	DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		\$6,470.00			
65.	DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		\$24,671.00			
66.	DPW-Tagel/MEMA Space, Expenses					
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE	\$3,827,996.00				
67.	General Insurance, Expenses		\$33,535.00		\$300,000.00	
68.	Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		\$17,000.00			
69.	Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		\$8,000.00			
70.	Health Insurance, Expenses		\$1,020,000.00			
71.	Group Life Insurance, Expenses		\$4,000.00			



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72	FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses	\$100,000.00				
73	Pensions, Expenses	\$2,345,461.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	\$56,123.00				
74	Historical Commission, Expenses	\$500.00				
75	Historical District, Expenses	\$348.00				
76	Patriotic Exercises, Expenses	\$300.00				
77	Printing Annual Reports, Expenses	\$2,500.00				
78	Unclassified Accts, Expenses	\$52,475.00				
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	\$2,592,461.00				
79	Interest, Expenses	\$587,461.00				
80	Maturing Debt, Expenses	\$2,005,000.00				
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS					
81	Council of Governments, Assessment	\$3,750.00				
10,11	None					
12	To purchase and equip a dump truck for the Department of Public Works	\$100,000.00			\$100,000.00	
13	None					
14	For roof and drain repairs at Jabish Brook Middle School	\$37,000.00			\$37,000.00	
15-17	none					
18	Community Preservation Admin Expense	\$5,000.00				
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	\$28,047.00				\$5,000.00 from FY16 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Historic Resources	\$28,047.00				28,047.00 from FY16 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Community Housing	\$28,047.00				28,047.00 from FY16 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 29 of the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting	\$50,500.00				50,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 29 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting	\$35,700.00				35,700.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 33 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting	\$40,400.00				40,400.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
19	For the preservation of historic tax records dating from 1862-1930 by microfilming the same, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.	\$3,500.00				3,500.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve
20	For the rehabilitation and preservation of the historic South Cemetery, Hillcrest Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery by installing new concrete bounds through the process of field measurements and verifications, mapping, identification of plot locations, excavations, removal of old bounds and related tasks, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of the Department of Public Works.	\$7,750.00				7,750.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve
21	For the restoration of the historic gravestones at the Rural cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves officer.	\$4,900.00				4,900.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve
22	For the purpose of granting the same to Kestrel Land Trust to accept, monitor and enforce the terms of conservation restrictions to be granted by the Town to Kestrel Land Trust to accept, monitor and enforce the terms of conservation restrictions to be granted by the Town to Kestrel Land Trust on Town-owned properties acquired with the use of CPA funds.	\$23,441.00				23,441.00 from the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space
23	For the creation, preservation and rehabilitation of recreational facilities at the Skate Park by designing and constructing a new skate park at the existing skate park location, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Skate Park Committee.	\$30,122.00				30,122.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance



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24	For the rehabilitation and restoration of the historic Clapp Memorial Library, on which the Town holds a historic preservation restriction, by restoring the elevator to working order and making such changes to the Library as required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, with said funds to be granted pursuant to a grant agreement entered into with the Clapp Memorial Library; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions on which such funds may be expended.	\$26,000.00				26,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
25	For the creation and rehabilitation of Jessica's Boundless Playground, such funds to be used to prepare the recreational land and equip and install recreational facilities thereon, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.	\$49,495.00				49,495.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
26	For the rehabilitation of the historic Hope United Methodist Church, on which the Town holds a historic preservation restriction, by making improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal, state and/or local building or access codes, with said funds to be granted pursuant to a grant agreement entered into with the Hope United Methodist Church, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended.	\$25,000.00				12,500 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve and 12,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
27	For the acquisition of an affordable housing restriction on 43 units in the proposed Assisted Living facility to be built on the former BSS campus, which 43 units shall be occupied by persons having incomes not in excess of 80% of the area median income, with said funds to be granted pursuant to a grant agreement, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions on which the funds may be expended, and accept said affordable housing restriction on such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, which restriction shall be enforceable by the Town for a period of 80 years.	\$218,000.00				218,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve
TOTAL		\$47,064,737.00	\$43,137,848.00	\$293,246.00	\$437,000.00	\$3,196,643
	Attest:					
	Colleen K. Toothill-Berte					
	Town Clerk					

2016 Annual Town Report



The Washington Street Schoolhouse

Town of Belchertown

2016

Annual Town Report of the Town Officers



for the
Town of Belchertown

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The Washington Street Schoolhouse

Special thanks to Lew Louraine who was able to capture a photograph of the Town's one room schoolhouse before it was dismantled and relocated to its new home on the grounds of the Stone House Museum at 20 Maple Street, Belchertown.

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2016 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2017
Ellen Lachance	5/2017

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Nicole J. Dunham (<i>appt. 3/14/16</i>)	5/2017
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2018
Mary Olberding	5/2019

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

William R. Barnett	5/2019
Kyle Vincent	5/2019

Board of Assessors

Thomas A. Barry	5/2017
Donald L. Minney	5/2018
Raymond G. Goff	5/2019

Board of Health

Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2016
Sean J. Cleary	5/2017
Robert B. Hutchinson	5/2017
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2018
Gary R. Racicot	5/2019
Andrew Drawec	5/2019

Housing Authority

Kenneth Dorey – Resident Member (<i>resigned 6/16/2016</i>)	5/2021
George E. Dion (<i>deceased 9/1/2016</i>)	5/2019
Judith O’Kulsky (<i>appt. 10/12/16</i>)	5/2017
Marie Ciosek (<i>appt. 11/14/16</i>)	5/2017
Barbara J. Chiappetta (<i>resigned 10/31/16</i>)	5/2018
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	5/2020
Vacant (State Mbr)	

Moderator

Frances J. South	5/2017
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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Lorraine F. Alves	11/2018
Francesco Dell’Olio	11/2020

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Planning Board

Christopher Laurenzo	5/2017
Donna M. Lusignan	5/2018
James J. Natle	5/2019
Michael A. Hofler	5/2020
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2021

School Committee

Richard J. Fritsch (<i>resigned 6/21/2016</i>)	5/2018
Jeff Charron (<i>appt 6/26/2016</i>)	5/2017
Dawn E. French	5/2017
Michael J. Knapp	5/2017
Thomas C. Laughner	5/2018
Myndi B. Bogdanovich	5/2019

Board of Selectmen

Brenda Q. Aldrich	5/2017
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2018
Nicholas J. O’Connor	5/2018
George D. Archible	5/2019
William R. Barnett	5/2019

Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	5/2018
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2016 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

Alan Page (<i>resigned 6/13/2016</i>)	6/30/18
Grace Adzima	6/30/17
Will Shattuck	6/30/17
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/19
Susan Gay	6/30/19

Name Office Term Expires

Animal Control Advisory Board

Audrey Safford	6/30/17
Brian Breveleri	6/30/17
Carol Kasabian	6/30/17
Angela Gaj	6/30/18
Chrystal Greenleaf	6/30/18
Jim Luippold	6/30/19
Nicole A. Miner	6/30/19

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/17
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Assistant Animal Control Officer

Lawrence Belbin	4/30/17
Janet Lipscomb	4/30/17

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/17
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Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/17
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Belchertown's Community

Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock	
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Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency

Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock	
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Community Preservation Committee

James Natle - Planning Board	6/30/17
Judy Healy - At-Large Mbr	6/30/17
Linda Leduc - Conservation Comm	6/30/18
Leslie Squires - Historical Comm	6/30/18
Betsy Loughran- At-Large Mbr	6/30/18
Nancy Deldago Bachmann - Housing Authority Rep	6/30/18
Megan Manitsas - At Large Mbr	6/30/19
Peg Louraine - At Large Mbr	6/30/19
James W. Quirk - Parks & Rec. Rep	6/30/19

Name Office Term Expires

Conservation Commission

Nicholas A. Burns-Full Mbr	10/12/16	6/30/17
Joseph K. Babineau		6/30/17
Linda Leduc – Assoc. Mbr	10/12/16	6/30/17
Michael Cavatorta		6/30/18
Jon M. Clements		6/30/18
David M. Haines		6/30/18
John Henry		6/30/19
Edward T. Knight		6/30/19

Council on Aging

Lois J. Dorn	6/30/16
Maureen Guzik	6/30/17
Robert Farrington (appt 2/8/16)	6/30/17
Donna M. Bozoglos	6/30/18
George E. Dion	6/30/18
Diane Plante (appt 2/8/16)	6/30/18
James Dowling	6/30/19

Belchertown Cultural Council

Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/17
Jennifer Turner	6/30/17
Rachel Martins	6/30/17
Jennifer Meighan	6/30/17
Lori Allen (resigned 11/18/16)	6/30/18
Amanda Saklad (resigned 12/8/16)	6/30/18
Matt Grillo	6/30/18
Cathy Hews	6/30/18
Carey Southwick-Fink	6/30/19
Claudia Bermudez (appt. 8/8/16)	6/30/19

DIF Committee

Gary Brougham – Town Administrator	
Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer	
Douglas Albertson - Planner	
John Whelihan – Assessor	

Economic Development & Industrial

Corporation (EDIC)

Robert Rivard – Industrial Seat	6/30/18
Kirk Stephens – At Large Seat	6/30/18
Beth Maroney – Financial Seat	6/30/19
Jonathan Spiegel – At Large Seat	6/30/19
William A. Terry - Govt. Seat	6/30/19

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Fair Committee

Marguerite Brennen (<i>resigned 2/8/16</i>)	6/30/16
William Austin	6/30/17
Sandra L. Brougham	6/30/17
Cindy Brown	6/30/17
Kevin Brown	6/30/17
Scott Brown	6/30/17
Carla Chaisson	6/30/17
Wendy Chevalier	6/30/17
Shawn Lindholm	6/30/17
Mark Nute	6/30/17
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/17
Bonnie Brouwer (<i>appt'd 8/22/16</i>)	6/30/17

Family Center

April Czupryna	6/30/16
Kristin Balboni	6/30/17
Elizabeth Crosby	6/30/18
Katrina Staples	6/30/18
Roger Allen, Jr.	6/30/19
Nicole Dunham (<i>appt. 11/14/16</i>)	6/30/19

Finance Committee

Edward G. Boscher	6/30/17
Melissa Hurst	6/30/17
Laurie Shea	6/30/18
Lynne Raymer	6/30/19
Steven Rose	6/30/19

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's

Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent & Assistant

Colleen Toothill-Berte	6/30/17
Theresa Rothwell - Assistant	6/30/17

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Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf – Director of Public Health	6/30/17
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Charles Cavagnaro, M.D.	6/30/16
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Inspector of Animals

Thomas Flebotte	4/30/17
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Historical Commission

Maxine H. Oland (<i>resigned 5/27/16</i>)	6/30/18
Jill Bierly Associate Mbr	6/30/16
Erika A. Hamilton	6/30/17
Alexander Loss	6/30/17
Leslie Squires	6/30/17
Jill Bierly (<i>Appt Full Mbr 6/13/16</i>)	6/30/18
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/18
Patrick Bierly	6/30/19
Richard Keating	6/30/19

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Anna Szmyd Marques – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/17
Irene Mariettos - At Large	6/30/17
Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/17
Denise Smith-Historic Assoc Seat	6/30/18
Jonathan Spiegel– Architect Seat	6/30/18
Thomas Stockton – Resident/Property Owner Mbr	6/30/19

Housing Needs and Assessment Committee

Susan Gay	6/30/16
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Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/17
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Arthur Lawler	6/30/16
Michael T. Henry	6/30/17
Chris Rice	6/30/17

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/17
Charles Lydon, Jr.	6/30/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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**Assistant Inspector of
Plumbing and Gas Fittings**

Christopher A. Hubbard		6/30/17
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Inspector of Wiring

Mitchell Staszko		6/30/17
Douglas Rae		6/30/17
Richard Rosazza		6/30/17
David Sedelow		6/30/17

Lakes Committee

LeeAnne Connolly -Conservation Rep		6/30/17
Jenicca Gallagher		6/30/17
Kathi Smith		6/30/18
Cathy Leblond - Recreation Rep.		6/30/19
Bonnie Strickland		6/30/19

Memorial Committee

Raymond Janke		6/30/17
William Bowen		6/30/18
Edward T. Knight		6/30/18
George (Archie) Archible		6/30/19
Leslie Squires		6/30/19

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Simon James (<i>resigned 4/25/16</i>)		6/30/19
Thomas Vieu		6/30/18
Donald Minney		6/30/20

Opioid Awareness Group

8-10 week Work Study Group – Established 6/13/2016

Jill Panto		TBD
George “Archie” Archible - Selectman		TBD
Kevin Pacunas – Police Dept.		TBD
Officer Jason Krol –School Resource Officer		TBD
Capt. Craig Bodamer – Fire/Rescue		TBD
Judy Metcalf – Board of Health		TBD
Kimberly Dion – Medical Community Mbr		TBD
Pastor Liza Knapp – Faith Community Mbr		TBD

**Director of Parks &
Recreation Search Committee**

(*formed 4/11/2016*)

Dawn French – School Committee	Final Rpt
Steven Williams – Director, DPW	“
Gary Brougham – Town Administrator	“
William Vosburgh – Recreation Comm.	“
Christopher Shea – Citizen at Large	“
Donna Spraggon – Citizen at Large	“
Paul Anziano (<i>appt 4/14/16</i>) Citizen at Lrg.	“

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Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

Tilo Schiffer		6/30/17
Nancy Kwiatkowski		6/30/18
William Vosburgh		6/30/18
Chris Daley		6/30/19
James Wilbur Quirk		6/30/19

Parks & Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik (<i>retired 6/30/16</i>)
Kyle Thibeault (<i>hired 7/5/16</i>)

Patrick Center Re-Use Committee

(*appt 1-11-16*)

Richard Fritsch (School Cmte)	Final Rpt
(<i>resigned 6/21/2016</i>)	
Gary Brougham	“
Steven Williams (DPW)	“
Ed Boscher (Finance Cmte)	“
Nick O’Connor (Selectman)	“
Chris Daley (Recreation Cmte)	“
Kristen Balboni (Family Center Cmte)	“
– At Large Member	
Michael Knapp (School Cmte)	“
(<i>appt’d 10/11/2016</i>)	

Personnel Board

Simon James (<i>resigned 4/25/16</i>)	6/30/17
Michael Otto (<i>appt’d 6/2016</i>)	6/30/17
Chris Abbuhl	6/30/17
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	6/30/18
Katharine Higgins-Shea	6/30/18
Noah Pefaur	6/30/19

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting

Member for Special Permits

Sierra Pelletier	6/30/17
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Planning Board – Associate Member

Jennifer R. Sharrow (<i>appt 11/14/16</i>)	6/30/17
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Police Candidate Review Committee

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report

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Police Chief Candidate Search Committee

Chris Mattocks	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Sean Gallagher	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report
Rev. Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
Jerry Grasso	Final Report
Steven Williams	Final Report
Thomas Ruscio	Final Report
Andrew DiNapoli	Final Report

Police Chief

Bruce Jenks Interim (<i>exp. 5/8/16</i>)	6/30/17
Christopher Pronovost (<i>hired 5/9/16</i>)	

Police Department – Sergeants
(Full-time)

Steven Henn	6/30/17
Bruce Jenks	6/30/17
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/17
William A. Panto	6/30/17

Police Department – Patrol Officers
(Full-time)

Jason Christofori	6/30/16
Valerie Austin	6/30/17
Michael Beaupre	6/30/17
Jordyn Bradway	6/30/17
Adam Brougham	6/30/17
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/17
Jason Krol	6/30/17
Neil Lozier	6/30/17
Robert Mann	6/30/17
Christopher Mayo	6/30/17
Edward H. Oey	6/30/17
John Raymer	6/30/17
Michael Roney	6/30/17
Jeremy Burns	6/30/17

Police Department – Patrol Officers
(Part-time)

Jeremy Burns	6/30/16
Justin Roy	6/30/16
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/17
Edward Smith	6/30/17
David Conkey	6/30/17
Jeremiah McBride	6/30/17
Courtney Call	6/30/17
Robert Ivey	6/30/17
Michael Jablonski	6/30/17
Andrew Lentendre	6/30/17

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Auxiliary Police Officers

Joseph Bergdoll	6/30/17
Joseph M. Boyle – Sergeant (<i>appt 8/8/16</i>)	6/30/17
Stephanie Cusson	6/30/17
Vincent Daponte	6/30/17
Matthew Niles	6/30/17
Blake Chestna	6/30/17
Francis Henderson (<i>appt 7/25/16</i>)	6/30/17
Hannah Hulse (<i>appt 7/25/16</i>)	6/30/17
Zachary Parker (<i>appt 7/25/16</i>)	6/30/17

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams, Representative	6/30/17
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/17
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/17

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/17
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PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/17
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Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation
Krista B. Wilson 6/30/17

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce
Regional Economic Development

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee
Richard Steiner

Regional Economic Development Commission
Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

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Board of Registrars

Clara M. Very		3/31/17
Linda E. Barron		3/31/18
Colleen Toothill-Berte		5/21/18
Marycatherine Knight		3/31/19

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Belchertown High School

Robert J. Hansbury (<i>appt 2/8/16</i>)		3/31/17
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Precinct Coordinator

Clair Partridge		8/31/17
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Election Officers – Precinct A

Robert J. Hansbury (Warden)		8/31/17
Judy A. Scott (Clerk)		8/31/17

Election Officers – Precinct B

Christina M. Aponte (Warden)		8/31/17
Gail Miron (Clerk)		8/31/17
Elizabeth A. Griffin (Warden)		8/31/16

Election Officers – Precinct C

Carol B. Walker (Warden)		8/31/17
Christian Babineau (Clerk)		8/31/17

Election Officers – Precinct D

Paul D. Geoffroy (Warden)		8/31/17
Jacqueline L. Como (Clerk)		8/31/17

Belchertown Scholarship

Fund Committee

Simon R. James (<i>resigned 4/11/16</i>)		6/30/16
Heidi Dufresne		6/30/16
Rev. Emmanuel Haqq		6/30/16
Sharon Barnett		6/30/16
Francesco Dell'Olio – <i>Pathfinder</i>		6/30/17
<i>School Cmte Mbr</i>		
Karol Coffin - <i>Superintendent</i>		6/30/17
Michael Knapp – <i>School Cmte Mbr</i>		6/30/17
Donna Lusignan (<i>appt. 9/12/16</i>)		6/30/17
Theresa Przybylowicz – <i>At Large Mbr</i>		6/30/17
Donna Robbins HS Council Rep.		6/30/17
(<i>appt 7/25/16</i>)		

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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima		6/30/16
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Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Skate Park Committee

Thomas Hussey		6/30/17
Michelle Ricker		6/30/17
Beth Adams		6/30/19
Dunstan McNutt		6/30/19

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

George (Archie) Archible
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams		6/30/17
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Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner		Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator		Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Commission		Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments		Final Report
Steven Williams, DPW Director		Final Report

Technology Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno		6/30/17
Lew Louraine		6/30/17
Yosef Nimni		6/30/17
Michael Zoufaly		6/30/17
Cynthia Caporale		6/30/17

Trail Stewardship Council

LeeAnne Connolly – Town		6/30/17
Jane Bryden – Landowner Rep.		6/30/17
Douglas Albertson-Town Alternate		6/30/17

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<u>Treasurer-Collector</u>		
Lisa M. Banner		6/30/19
<u>Assistant Treasurer/Collector</u>		
Jane E. Wolfe		6/30/17
<u>Deputy Collectors</u>		
Arthur P. Jones		12/31/17
<u>Town Accountant</u>		
Jill M. Panto		6/30/19
<u>Assistant Town Accountant</u>		
Kimberly O'Grady		6/30/17
<u>Town Administrator</u>		
Gary L. Brougham		
<u>Assistant Town Clerk</u>		
Theresa A. Rothwell		6/30/17
<u>Town Counsel</u>		
KP LAW		6/30/17
<u>Trench Permitting Authority</u>		
Paul Adzima		
Steve Williams, Alternate		
Trench Permitting Authority		
<u>Veterans' Graves Officer</u>		
Vincent Viglione		3/31/17
<u>Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer</u>		
Kathleen Wood		3/31/17
<u>Veterans' Services Agent</u>		
Raymond J. Janke, III		4/30/17

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<u>Veterans' Services Advisory Board</u>		
Michael Ross, Assoc. Mbr		6/30/16
Edward Dice, Assoc. Mbr		6/30/17
Keith Poulin, Assoc. Mbr		6/30/17
Gerry Desilets, Assoc. Mbr		6/30/17
Janet Jourdain		6/30/17
William McClure		6/30/17
Larry Raines, At Large Mbr		6/30/18
George "Archie" Archible, At-Large Mbr.		6/30/19
William Bowen, At-Large Mbr		6/30/19
Anthony McAvoy, At-Large Mbr		6/30/19
Robert Vigneault, At-Large Mbr		6/30/19
Raymond Janke-Period of Employment		
Vincent Viglione-Period of Employment		
<u>Veterans Burial Agent</u>		
Raymond J. Janke, III		
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>		
Robert Hislop		6/30/17
Mark Hebert		6/30/18
Brian Gibbons		6/30/19
<u>Associate Members - Board of Appeals</u>		
Noah Pefaur (<i>resigned 10/24/16</i>)		6/30/17
Robert Vigneault (<i>appt 7/25/16</i>)		6/30/17
Jennifer Sharrow (<i>appt 11/14/16</i>)		6/30/17
<u>Zoning Enforcement Officer</u>		
Paul Adzima		6/30/17

Board of Selectmen

Another year passes by as we close 2016. This past year, like the previous two years, has been a tough year financially. However, we finally have cleared the way to make headway on the former Belchertown State School property. The Grantham Group, with the help of MassDevelopment, has signed and committed to build an assisted living complex. Plans call for Belchertown to build an access road to the site. This spending was approved by Town Meeting several years ago. Ground breaking is expected to take place in the early spring of 2017, weather permitting. Three more buildings will also be razed this spring to continue the cleanup of this property.

Belchertown Wastewater Treatment Facility has received an Award by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the EPA for their outstanding achievements this year. Kudos to all the staff at the facility.

After a long and hard search, a new Chief of Police was selected. Chief Chris Pronovost was chosen to become the new Chief, and he has been warmly accepted by all the Officers of the Belchertown Police Department. In the short time in this position, he has already implemented new procedures and policies. He comes to Belchertown with a long career in law enforcement, and was previously a Captain at the Amherst Police Department. We wish him well on his new path.

After the retirement of Rob Opalenik, Belchertown has a new Recreation Director. Rob has done an outstanding job for Belchertown and we wish him a long and healthy retirement. Kyle Thibeault has been selected to hold the reigns at the Recreation Department. Kyle lives in Belchertown with his wife Alicia and their young daughter.

Belchertown and the Board of Selectmen, with the help of our legislators, have purchased the Patrick Center on the former Belchertown State School property. This parcel will be razed for future development.

As of this writing, it appears that we will be moving the Belchertown Family Center from the former Franklin School to the town-owned building on Route 202. This building did house the Belchertown Day School for many years.

Three years ago at the Annual Town Meeting, the voters passed a motion to sell the former Franklin School.

Another accomplishment was a new Belchertown Animal Control facility built by the Belchertown DPW. At last year's Town Meeting, voters approved to build a new facility; the DPW built the finest facility with state of the art equipment, and was on time and under budget. Kudos and great job to the employees of the DPW. The DPW also received a new heavy 10-wheel dump truck approved at the Town Meeting.

The Route 181 road project will finally be coming to a close. Because of delays of moving the telephone poles, the project did find some slow goings. Ludlow Construction should be completing the job in the spring of 2017.

A new solar array is underway on North Liberty Street. This site is being erected in an old gravel facility. It is out of site from the roadway and will generate \$70,000 in tax revenue to Belchertown in its first year. In 2016, Belchertown has had 47 new single family homes and 18 new condominiums built. The new cell phone tower on Aldrich Street is nearing completion and should help residents in that area with phone reception.

2016 has been a very dry year with the lack of snow and rainfall. The result of this has been devastating to a large number of homeowners with wells going dry. Even Belchertown's Water District had to implement a ban on water usage.

With the help of the Belchertown Veterans' Agent, Belchertown became a Purple Heart Community. When you enter Belchertown from all accesses, you will see the signs stating Belchertown is a Purple Heart Community. Our Veterans' Agent, Ray Janke, continues to do an outstanding job for our Veterans. Our nation's Veterans population is approximately one percent; Belchertown has about a 10 percent margin. We currently have 1,238 Veterans living in Belchertown. Another amazing figure is that Belchertown has 75 Purple Heart recipients! Others who are an important part of our Veterans' Services are Vince Viglione and his wife. They are the Veterans' Graves Officer and Assistant. They both do a great job making

sure that dignity and respect is given to our fallen Veterans.

Every year we enjoy our Town Fair. What most people don't see behind the scenes is the hard work and dedication to fulfilling the Belchertown Fair year after year. The Fair Committee is a small group of people who need the help of our community. If you feel that you can help, please call the Selectmen's Office at (413-323-0403) and ask for the contact person.

In closing, our most important resource in Belchertown is our employees. After the smoke clears and we get through all the obstacles thrown at us, Belchertown manages to adapt, persevere and overcome. We manage this with the help of our dedicated and devoted employees. I thank all of you!

Respectfully submitted,

George "Archie" Archible, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

The Town Administrator reports directly to the Board of Selectmen and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of town government. The core duties of this position include but are not limited to items such as budget preparation, personnel administration, purchasing, grant administration, collective bargaining, legal matters and implementing new mandates as required by state and federal mandates.

Over the past 12 months, this office worked cooperatively with all town department heads, boards and committees in an effort to ensure the services we provide to our residents are at or near expectation, new requirements are being implemented and we are doing so within the budgetary allowances established by town meeting.

After a very busy construction season on Route 181, the project remains unfinished but near completion. Sadly, and only as a result of a utility company work stoppage, our efforts to complete this project in calendar year 2016 were unsuccessful. We are optimistic the remaining work will be finished in the spring of 2017, with completion soon thereafter. The inconvenience to the traveling public and those residents residing in the footprint of this extensive project

will soon be forgotten as a result of the substantial improvements to this state numbered route.

As many of you may be aware and may have contributed to, construction of the Town's new Animal Control Facility is complete. This state of the art facility, made possible by a \$90,000 appropriation of free cash which was matched by a fundraising drive by the Belchertown Animal Control Relief Committee (BARC), positioned the Town's DPW - Maintenance Division well for construction. The new facility is truly an outstanding and desperately needed resource for our Animal Control Department. Words alone cannot convey the extraordinary efforts of all who are involved in planning, constructing and funding this new resource. I would encourage everyone to visit the shelter when the official ribbon cutting event is announced.

We have also received confirmation the Grantham Group has been approved for housing tax credits through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development enabling an anticipated spring groundbreaking for Christopher Heights of Belchertown. This new state of the art assisted living facility will be constructed on the grounds of the former Belchertown State School in close proximity to the Belchertown Senior Center. The plan is to construct an 86 unit assisted living facility with half of the total number of units designated as affordable/low income senior housing units. As our town continues to grow in population, the frequency of residents seeking alternative living arrangements becomes a great concern. Sadly, most families in need of such assistance are forced to relocate aging family members outside of Belchertown. This new facility will change that tradition in the near future. At present, a groundbreaking in late March / early April is anticipated with construction to be complete in one year or less.

After several years of moderate residential housing starts, 2016 ended with a considerable increase of new home building permits over previous years. The actual number being at or near 50 is reminiscent of aggressive residential growth prior to 2004. Although subject to change due to market conditions, interest rates and the employment market, we anticipate similar growth in 2017. In addition and the very recent announcement, the Pride Company is planning a spring groundbreaking for a new 24-

hour fueling station/convenience store at the intersection of Routes 21 and 202. Long anticipated, it appears the owners are committed to developing this site in the 2017 construction season.

We were also fortunate to secure a parcel of surplus state property locally known as the Patrick Center on State Street. This former institutional building and open space of approximately 5.5 acres is adjacent to the Chestnut Hill and Swift River School, Belchertown Day School, the Little Fenway Little League Park and the Belchertown Housing Authority. Acquiring this strategically located parcel not only preserves the integrity of the millions of dollars of existing town infrastructure adjacent to this parcel but also provides future development opportunities for compatible town projects. Acquiring this parcel was not without challenges but with the assistance of Belchertown's legislative team we were able to complete the transaction.

In addition and consistent with the Town's Green Community status, local boards and commissions have partnered with the Nexamp Solar Development Company and the owners of the May Farm off Franklin Street to approve another, and Belchertown's largest, solar energy field. This installation will produce 5.4 megawatts of clean energy to be distributed in overhead infrastructure off Franklin and North Liberty Streets. Much the same as two prior approvals, the developer and the Town have entered into a Solar Pilot Tax Agreement providing the Town \$70,000 in new tax revenue year one, increasing by 2.25% per year for the life of the agreement with the final year payment to be approximately \$102,000. The Town will

collect approximately 1.8 million dollars over the life of the agreement.

Finally, and much the same as previous years, the development of our FY17 operating budget was quite challenging and required a contribution from the Town's Stabilization Fund. Although, and in my opinion, the Town's leadership does an excellent job managing the Town's finances, our continued growth, increased demands on town services, the compounded costs of deferred maintenance and new mandates absent of a funding source have and will continue to be one of our single largest challenges. Until such time as we are able to educate our legislators on the full impact of these unfunded mandates, our efforts to improve or expand local services will be restricted as a result of our limited revenue growth. After nearly 20 years of service in this position, I am convinced change is beneficial when combined with moderation and a budget. I will continue to work closely with our state and federal legislators to close this gap.

In closing and as I often say, Belchertown is the great community that it is in significant part due to the dedication and commitment of our employees, elected and appointed committee members and the residents of our town who give so generously of their talent and time to maintain Belchertown's status as a very desirable community. I and the Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank you one and all!

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

The Fiscal Year 17 budget projects an increase in the Town of Belchertown's annual estimated receipts from \$48,984,000 to \$50,224,000 for an increase of \$835,000 or 1.7%. This increase was primarily due to the following:

	FY 17	FY 16	Increase/ Decrease	Percent Change
Local Receipts	2,954,000	2,793,000	161,000	2.3%
Real Estate Tax Levy	25,428,000	24,917,000	511,000	2.1%
Recurring State Aid	18,267,000	17,874,000	393,000	2.2%
Special Fund Receipts	3,584,000	3,398,000	186,000	5.5%
	<u>50,233,000</u>	<u>48,984,000</u>	<u>1,249,000</u>	<u>2.6%</u>

The increase in the Real Estate Tax Levy is due to the combination of the yearly rate increase up to the maximum statutory rate of 2.5% and new growth. The town continued the practice of "borrowing" from stabilization to balance the budget pending the calculation of free cash in the fall. The budgeted utilization of stabilization funds was \$560,000 in Fiscal Year 17 and \$437,000 in FY 16. Stabilization funds are included in Special Fund Receipts. The increase in special fund receipts is a result of an increase in ambulance receipts and Sewer/Landfill receipts.

The Fiscal Year 16 annual estimated receipts are being utilized to fund the town's operations as follows:

	FY 17	FY 16	Increase / Decrease	Percent Change
General Government	1,897,000	1,826,000	71,000	3.9%
Public Safety	3,843,000	3,697,000	145,000	3.9%
Public Schools	29,109,000	28,175,000	934,000	3.3%
Highways	1,735,000	1,706,000	28,000	1.7%
Sanitation & Environment	2,140,000	2,042,000	98,000	4.8%
Human Services	879,000	864,000	15,000	1.7%
Culture and Recreation	747,000	751,000	(4,000)	-0.5%
Buildings and Grounds	775,000	748,000	16,000	2.1%
Pension and Insurance	3,986,000	3,828,000	158,000	4.1%
Other Accounts	56,000	56,000	1,000	1.8%
Interest and Maturing Debt	2,504,000	2,592,000	-89,000	(3.4%)
Council of Governments	4,000	4,000	0	0%
Mandatory State Offsets	2,506,000	2,221,000	285,000	12.8%
	<u>50,181,000</u>	<u>48,760,000</u>	<u>1,487,000</u>	<u>3.1%</u>

The Town is now entering the FY2018 budget season. As in past years, the Federal and State governments are dealing with limited resources and an increase in demand by the State and local governments. The Federal and State governments continue to look at new sources of revenues including increasing taxes and fees. Belchertown continues to face increasing costs including unfunded mandates from both the Federal and State governments with the Stormwater mandate from the EPA being one of the largest ones we must begin to deal with this year. The Finance Committee has begun meeting with department heads to be proactive and develop budgeting strategies. The Finance Committee remains committed to maintaining essential services and an adequate Stabilization Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Boscher, Chairman
Finance Committee

ADA Committee

The American with Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2016 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department and Max Bock, Maintenance Department.

The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary.

Agricultural Commission



The role of Agricultural Commissions is to support farming within a community by addressing farmers' needs and promoting local food production. With this in mind, we held our January Farmer's Meeting for our farmers to socialize and discuss ideas.

At that time, we presented the findings of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's report *A Community Vision for Agriculture and Open Space at Lampson Brook Farm*. The PVPC worked closely with the Agricultural Commission, other Town Offices and community members to assess the wide range of potential of the former State School Farm.

From page 10...“Lampson Brook Farm is a unique and valuable resource that will be a key element of planning at both the town and regional scales for a variety of concerns, chief among them: conservation, food security, agricultural business development, recreation, and economic development.” We also presented these finding to the Board of Selectmen.

We continue to advise our Farmer's Market to help them succeed in providing a venue for the purchase of local food. In addition, we welcomed the Kestrel Land Trust's initiative to survey Belchertown's farms and farmland. We will work with them on this project in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Susan Gay
Judith Gillan

Animal Control Advisory Board

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Select Board. The Select Board held hearings for a large number of animal complaints in previous years, and felt the formation of a separate Board to hear these types of complaints would be prudent.

In 2016 ACAB was comprised of seven (7) members with a wealth of knowledge and experience with animals. All members at this time are pet owners, including kennel owners, horse breeders, animal rescuers, and a member with a service dog. ACAB works closely with Animal Control Officer, Anna Fenton.

ACAB received one (1) formal complaint in 2016 for the following offenses:

- June 2016: Running at Large; Unsafe home conditions; Vicious Disposition. This matter was satisfactorily resolved for all parties involved.

There were no changes to the membership of the Board in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Breveleri
Angela Gaj
Chrystal Greenleaf
Carol Kasabian
Jim Luippold, Secretary
Nicole Miner, Chair
Audrey Safford

Animal Control Department

2016 was a year that brought exciting changes to Animal Control. At Town Meeting there was a unanimous vote to fund this department with \$90,000 from free cash to build a new building. BARC (Belchertown Animal Relief Committee) a non-profit affiliated with Animal Control, fundraised and continues to raise the additional \$85,000 needed for an appropriate shelter for this town's dogs and cats. They have held many fun fundraising activities for both families and pets.

We would like to thank BARC and all the residents and local businesses that donated or sponsored to help us get this building up and running!!!

With the hard work of the DPW Buildings Department, ground was broken on July 1, 2016, our building was erected and we were able to move animals into it in 5 months! Our new address is 165 George Hannum Street.

We continue to hold our rabies and microchip clinic in January with the assistance of Dr. Morcom of Mill Valley Veterinary Clinic for all residents and folks in nearby towns.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Massachusetts Animal Coalition to trap/neuter/vaccinate/release feral cats in our community.

During the course of this 2016 this department has responded to over 500 calls relating to dogs running at large, barking complaints, scanning found cats for microchips, capturing ill/injured

wildlife and transporting them to the appropriate facility, doing wellness checks on animals and responding to citable offenses.

We have responded to 200+ calls that did not require a physical response i.e. via telephone with concerns about wildlife, violations of Animal Control bylaws, and offers of volunteering and donations. We have also made every attempt to educate residents on the new Massachusetts General Laws regarding tethering and animal cruelty.

We are excited that dog licensing is now available online via the Town Clerk's webpage which hopefully will cut down on the number of people that we are forced per law to take to court for failure to license.

I would also like to thank my assistants Janet Lipscomb and Larry Belbin and our poundkeeper Pat Sanuita, they keep this department running like a well-oiled machine and always have the wellbeing of our animals as a first priority.



Last but not least we are grateful to the support of this community when it comes to matters pertaining to the animals. If we are in need of something all we need to do is give out a whisper and residents roar back with assistance!

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton
Animal Control Officer

Board of Assessors

At the Town Election in May, Raymond Goff was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Thomas Barry and Donald Minney remain members of the Board.

Although national and state budgets continue to underperform, and costs associated with running

municipal governments continue to rise, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively stable. Important figures in establishing Belchertown's fiscal year 2016 municipal budget included:

FY16 Total Taxable Value	1,369,925,597
Town Meeting Appropriations	\$50,367,643
Estimated Receipts/State Aid	\$25,750,080
Tax Levy	\$24,617,562
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	\$24,666,748
FY16 New Growth	\$343,819
FY16 Tax Rate	\$17.97

The Board acted upon timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon Chapter applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational or forestry uses.

As part of a cyclical inspection program, the assessing staff continues to inspect single-family homes throughout town. In accord with Department of Revenue guidelines, the staff will verify property characteristics of single-family homes until the project is completed.

The Assessors received funding from the Community Preservation Committee to microfilm historical tax records. The public can now view tax commitments beginning in 1862 on-line.

The Assessors recommended that the town, through town meeting vote, adopt a payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) agreement with Belchertown Renewables LLC for a 5.1 megawatt solar facility. The PILOT calls for 1.7 million dollars

in revenue over 20 years. This is the third solar generating facility constructed in town over the last three years.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year valuation adjustment for all real estate in fiscal year 2016. Due to improved market conditions, the town's property values saw a moderate increase.

The Board is confident that all classes of property are valued according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Barry, Chairman
Donald Minney, Vice Chairman
Raymond Goff, Clerk

Belchertown Community Television

BCTV continues to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of staff/volunteers. What we are able to produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Channel 193 - BCTV Weather Station

The BCTV weather information system is broadcast on channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station as well as the current regional radar. This service operates 24 hours a day with audio provided by the National Weather Service from Albany NY, with forecasts, storm and emergency warnings for the Pioneer Valley.

Channel 191 - Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

Selectmen
Planning Board
Conservation Commission
BEDIC
Belchertown School Committee
Pathfinder School Committee

Council on Aging
Agriculture Commission
Board of Health
The Annual Town Meeting
Special Town Meetings

(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, and others)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

Most BHS Band Concerts
Most BHS Drama Presentations

Most CHCS Band Concerts
The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony

(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Hockey Games, Volleyball, Chess,)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

The Summer Community Band Concerts
on the Common
The Annual Belchertown Fair
The Annual Fair Parade

Some Holiday events
Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
Memorial Day Ceremonies

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
Christ Community Church

Hope United Methodist Church
Evangel of Wilbraham

Channel 191 also plays the continuous Bulletin Board, showing events and information about the town.

Channel 192 shows a modified Bulletin Board, which comprises only the schedule of shows to be played on BCTV, as well as shows which conflict with other programs on Channel 191. The Conservation Commission is also played live every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Accomplishments and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new staff and volunteers trained and independently broadcasting or taping events. It is our aim to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

This year we want to focus on the contributions of our staff and the variety of shows BCTV puts on air each year.

BCTV has a small but extremely dedicated staff. Their commitment to weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly town government meetings allows residents of Belchertown to see those meetings as they happen or as soon after as they can be broadcast. We are able to bring your government into your home. Keith Bettencourt, Frank Lomanno, Mary Ann Brennen, Elliot Burke, and Pat Barry, year in and year out, have been "going live" with the Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and BEDIC. I salute them and their dedication.

Shawn Lindholm has made herself our School Liaison producer. She tapes and edits most of the school activities you see on BCTV - the BHS Band and Choir, the JMBS 5th and 6th grade bands, the BHS Holiday Extravaganza (brought to you live this year on BCTV), the Valley Winds, and the plays put on by JBMS and BHS. Without her dedication to our schools, BCTV would not be presenting the outstanding shows our students give to us.

Elliot Burke covers more government meetings than anyone. He tapes and edits the Agricultural Commission, the Council on Aging, and the BHS School Committee. In addition Elliot tapes and edits the Donna Lee Concerts presented each year at the Clapp Library and covers the Belchertown Farmers' Market each summer.

This is only a partial list of our staff and what they bring to you each day on BCTV. Below is the complete list of the folks who make up BCTV and many but not all of the shows they tape, edit, burn to DVD's, or up/download for the citizens of Belchertown, along with some of their other contributions to BCTV:

- Pat Barry – BEDIC, Board of Health, uploads all BCTV shows to Vimeo
- Mary Ann Brennen – Planning Board, Annual Town Meeting, Special Town Meeting, BHS graduation
- Keith Bettencourt – Selectmen, Jimmy Fund Putt-a-thon, Conversation with Pakman
- Elliot Burke – School Committee, Ag Commission, Council on Aging, Farmers' Market, Donna Lee
- Louise Christ – BCTV Scheduler, St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, Concerts on the Common
- Audrey LePage – BCTV Bulletin Board

- Shawn Lindholm – All School Activities at BHS, JBMS, and Crocker Farm
- Frank Lommano – BCTV IT Manager, All live BCTV shows, Conservation Commission
- Rick Rabe – Hope United Church – Certified Drone Pilot
- Tim Smith – Christ Community Church
- Wilbur Quirk – Host, Town Talk, live interviews at Belchertown Fair

To continue our list of accomplishments from last year (and this is typical of all the years BCTV has been in operation), we will present them to you by category:

Continuing Series:

- Stone House Speaker Series
- Town Talk
- 4H Garden Year
- Conservation Commission Walks
- Donna Lee at Clapp Library
- Belchertown Farmer's Market
- Belchertown Police Department Promo tape

Shows that went live:

- Belchertown Fair
- Belchertown Parade
- Concert on the Common
- BHS Holiday Extravaganza
- Special Town Meeting
- Annual Town Meeting
- Police Chief Search Interviews
- DART Presentation at BHS

Shows of Special Interest:

- School House Move
- Stone House Tour
- Bob Tilton Interview
- Car Show on the Common

- Rag Shag Parade
- Tour the New Animal Facility with BARC
- BARC – Howl-o-ween
- Austin Farm Corn Maze
- Relay for Life
- Valley Winds conducted by Brian Messier
- Meet the Folks of BCTV
- Knights of Columbus Living Rosary
- Legislative Committee Hearing – Rattlesnakes introduction in the Quabbin
- NESFI Poultry Processor Proposal
- Leprechaun Plunge
- UMass Jazz at St. Francis – Sinatra Tribute
- Solar Voltaic Presentation at the Senior Center by Jim Barry
- Jimmy Fund Putt-a-thon

Shows produced outside of Belchertown:

- Physicians Focus
- At the Dance with Tom and Deb
- Your Right to Know (Fitchburg City Republican Committee)
- Westover ARB Monthly News
- Conversations with Pakman

And, finally, BCTV purchased a portable sound system for use by community organizations. The following groups have made use of this resource:

- Belchertown Fair Committee
- American Legion
- Knights of Columbus
- DART Presentation

The portable sound system is battery operated on two speakers, has two wireless microphones, and is available to any and all Belchertown Community organizations, subject to scheduling.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine, Station Manager
Peg Louraine, Operations Manager

Clapp Memorial Library

The Clapp Memorial Library continues to be a hub of learning, exploration, and community connection in Belchertown, offering a remarkable 552 programs attended by 12,886 individuals in Fiscal Year 2016. For adults, special offerings ranged from a six-week meditation course to concerts featuring diverse musical styles ranging from Irish, to Dixieland jazz, to the comforting tones of a bedside singing group. A stone wall expert constructed a miniature stone wall for a transfixed audience, while other programs featured Quabbin fishing tips, tales of Mysterious Massachusetts, lively adult trivia competitions, an aromatherapy

“make and take” evening, and more. A new cookbook club rounds out the list of regularly recurring programs along with two monthly adult book discussion groups and an adult coloring group.

The Clapp joined in with area libraries in a collaboration with Cooley Dickinson Health Care to encourage conversations about end of life care and planning by reading a common book. “Being Mortal” by Atul Gawande sparked discussion groups, documentary film screenings, and a local author talk, while bringing the community together to share thoughts and gain information about an issue of common importance.

Presenting a wide range of programming for children is central to the Library’s mission, with the goal of encouraging reading, learning, discovery, and enjoyment. The Library hosted three storytellers, all with unique perspectives and talents. We celebrated Screen-Free Week and the Week of the Young Child. There were family movie nights, Lego programs, outdoor messy art events, gingerbread house building, outdoor and indoor musical series’, ukulele fun, live wild animal encounters, roller-skating, a real live jester, puppet shows, a hands-on Frisbee demonstration, rocket building and launching, dinosaur discoveries, and an introduction to the secret life of honeybees. This is in addition to four weekly story times designed for babies through preschoolers and two different children’s book discussion groups. The PAWS program continues to help children improve their reading skills in a relaxed environment while reading to a certified therapy dog or bunny!

Getting Ready for Kindergarten is a six-part summer program that does just that, preparing some of our youngest schoolchildren for the next step in their educational journey. And speaking of Kindergarten, all Belchertown kindergarten classes visit the Library every other week (for a total of 124 Library visits) to choose books, hear a story, and begin to understand and enjoy the overall library experience.

The Summer Reading Program inspired 454 children and 53 teenagers to keep their reading skills sharp over the summer. Belchertown illustrator Scott Fischer designed a brilliant, original t-shirt for the summer program while generous funding from the Friends of the Library ensured that every participant received one. Once again, Florence Savings Bank provided funding for the wonderful programs that enticed children and families to stay connected to reading during the summer months. Community collaborations such as these are key to many of the extraordinary events that occur here.

In September, we wrapped up a two-year federally funded Library Services and Technology Act grant that allowed us to expand services to the tween and teen demographic. A Teen Advisory Board was established to provide input, on a regular basis, into programs and services for teens. In addition to financing the purchase of additional young adult materials, the grant funded a much-needed update to the teen area furniture and décor. While still small, the resulting makeover created a lively and inviting teen space.

Teen programming has been fun and inventive, with a makerspace workshop featuring 3D printing, design software, and robotics, a musical performance, henna tattooing, the second annual Belchertown Pizza Tasting contest, and a hands-on exploration of our newly purchased STEAM toys. Ruthie Sterling joined the Library last summer to steer teen programming with energy and fresh ideas. Armed with our new professionally designed teen logo, she has run craft programs and a winter carnival evening, a popular teen trivia series, and has instituted a new teen book discussion group. She also led a multi-week program that encourages young writers to write a novel in 30 days during National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). Participants wrote more than 185,000 words in November! As happens each January, we offered four nights of extended study hours exclusively for BHS students during the mid-year exam period, complete with pizza and free tutors. Forty lucky teens gained valuable community service experience while contributing time and energy to the Library during the always-popular Junior Volunteer Summer Program.

Last year, our 8,337 registered users checked out 114,165 items. In addition, 15,483 items were borrowed from other libraries to satisfy the needs of our patrons. Membership in the C/WMARS library consortium gives our users access to the collections of 144 member libraries with combined holdings of over 9 million items in a variety of different formats. This membership also gives our community the opportunity to enjoy downloadable content from the Overdrive Digital Catalog: 45,753 ebooks, 9,775 audio books and 997 videos. The statewide Commonwealth eBook Collections further expands the digital possibilities with a collection of 107,991 items available to our users.



The Library houses a small but select collection of 24,177 print books, 3,814 audio items, 6,195 DVDs, and 85 magazine subscriptions. A Clapp Memorial Library card now provides access to two new databases: Morningstar Investment Research and Rosetta Stone. The Morningstar online tool features in-depth financial information, portfolio analysis, and up-to-date financial news and commentary. Rosetta Stone is the gold standard for online immersive language learning programs, providing instruction in 30 foreign languages.

This year, we added a number of exciting museum passes to our very popular pass borrowing program. While terms of use vary from institution to institution, most of our 16 passes offer free or reduced museum admission, including recently added passes to the Boston Children's Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, the Ecotarium, Historic Deerfield, Wistariahurst, and the Worcester Art Museum.

Caring for this historic building is a key responsibility of the Library Trustees, who initiated a successful Annual Appeal to raise funds for ongoing maintenance and repair. The Library also participated in the annual Valley Gives online fundraiser, and gives thanks to all community members who contributed to these endeavors.

A Community Preservation Act grant provided funding to preserve and paint all wood trim and detail on the building exterior. The Friends of the Library provided matching funds for the work, proving once again how indispensable their contributions are to Library operations, funding the vast majority of our special programs, equipment, and technology.

Thank you to the entire community for supporting the Clapp Memorial Library. Please stop in and check out what your Library has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila McCormick,
Library Director

Community Preservation Committee

Now in its successful tenth year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including creation of recreational facilities or rehabilitating existing ones.

Under the CPA, the state-match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge of 1.5% averaged \$35 per household/year. This year the state provided a 29.7% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2016 was \$219,347.00 and the state match was \$63,204.00. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown greatly multiplied the town's own contributions. Over the last 10 years, there has been a total of \$730,729 spent on the preservation of open space; \$329,000 on the creation of new affordable housing opportunities, \$722,595 on the creation and rehabilitated of recreational areas and \$1,044,109 on the preservation of historic features. Leveraged funding has totaled \$19.5 million so the Town has benefited from projects totaling \$23 million.

The 2016 Annual Town Meeting approved seven CPA projects with a total appropriation of \$528,500. These projects include:

- Re-building and repair of the stone wall surrounding Parsons Field
- Repair and resurface of the CHCS basketball courts
- Repair of the south stained glass window at the Clapp Memorial Library
- Grantham Group – Christopher Heights Assisted Living Facility (year 2)
- Mt Hope, South and Rural Cemetery gravestone restoration
- Holland Glen - acquisition of 45 acres for conservation and passive recreation
- Window replacement at Everett Acres

The CPC is committed to an open process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

James Natle, Chairman
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair
Betsy Loughran, Clerk
Megan Manitsas
Leslie Squires
Peg Louraine
Judy Healy
Wilbur Quirk
Nancy Delgado Bachman
Nick O'Conner, Selectman Liaison

Conservation Commission

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held sixty-four hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; thirty-seven were Requests for Determination, twenty-five were Notices of Intent, one for Abbreviated Notices for Resource Area Delineation and two for amended Orders of Conditions. The Commission issued nine Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety; the majority of the emergencies were for single-family homes with wells that had gone dry as a result of the severe drought. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plan for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company, National Grid and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Conservation Commission administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the Town. This responsibility is for the enforcement

and permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations which went into effect in January, 2008. For the year 2016, there were thirty-eight applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including housing lots, subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission reviewed the Environmental Notification Form for the Belchertown State School redevelopment project and is currently working with the project manager and the adjoining Lampson Brook Farm to provide protection, passive recreational access, environmental education and agricultural opportunities for this large undeveloped area. The Commission is also working with the

Planning Board and the Recreation Department to create a handicapped accessible trail around Lake Wallace.

The Commission was awarded a \$127,160 grant through the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity, (LAND) Grant program of the Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This 45 acre property, located along a very busy Route 9 in Belchertown contains wildlife habitat, scenic waterfalls and connectivity between the Mt. Holyoke Range and the Quabbin Reservoir. This property is also adjacent to about 350 acres of already conserved land, including Holland Glen Conservation Area, Wentworth Conservation Area, and several hundred acres owned by Cows Land Company, which are under Chapter 61. The closing date for this property is expected to be in early 2017. The Commission and DPW were also awarded a \$42,000 319 Non-Point Pollutant Discharge Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Resources. Currently there is direct stormwater discharge and runoff flowing into Lake Arcadia. Currently there are two catch basins and a series of overland flows that discharge directly into the lake. The work at Lake Arcadia is located on Federal Street along the southwest shore near the intersection of Metacomet Street and is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2017. The Belchertown Conservation Commission, the Belchertown Lake Committee, Tri-Lakes Association and DPW are currently working together to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet the water quality and other agreed-upon goals for these lakes.

The Conservation Commission has been involved in numerous conservation area stewardship projects, collaborating with both private and public organizations, as well as individuals. The Wentworth Conservation Area finally had the walking bridge repaired and the Reed Conservation Area had a flow device installed so that we could live in harmony with the resident beaver family. New trails have been blazed on the Reed Conservation Area as well as an updated trail map. The Conservation Commission would like to thank all volunteers and the Belchertown Department of Public Works for all their assistance with the stewardship and maintenance of our conservation areas.

The Conservation office is in the process of reorganizing and updating our web page. The 2013-2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan, (OSRP) will continue to qualify Belchertown for numerous State grant opportunities. The 2013-2020 Open Space and Recreation goals and objectives for 2013-2020 will continue to incorporate this data reflecting community concerns for the Town and provide Belchertown with the resources and recreational management guidelines and strategies for the next seven years.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2017-2018 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community to protect and maintain valuable resource areas and open space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted;

David Haines, Chairman
Jon Clements, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
John Henry, Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Commissioner
Nicholas Burns, Commissioner
Linda Leduc, Associate Commissioner
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator
and
Michele Nowak, Department Clerk

Council on Aging / Senior Center

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). Executive Director, Bill Korzenowski, manages the day-to-day operations. The Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. Current board members include, Jim Dowling, Chairperson, George Dion, Vice Chair, Donna Bozoglos, Secretary, Maura Guzik and Lois Dorn. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We offer a

Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a backup shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

When the "new" Center opened 16 years ago, the senior population in Belchertown, 60 and over, was about 1500. Currently that number has more than doubled to over 3,000 and this number is projected to double in the next 15 years to over 6,000 seniors. The over 60 population will comprise close to 40% of the town's total population. This increase will require additional funding, staffing, space and programming in order to meet the needs of this age group. We are currently in the process of conducting a town wide Needs Assessment to assist with future planning and have recently completed Phase Two which involved surveying the majority of those residents 50 years old and above. Shortly we will be receiving a full written report of the findings. A Community Forum is planned for Spring of 2017 to present the findings to town residents. There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. Mental health services for seniors are lacking and we have begun an initiative involving several local organizations to address this need. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Almost half our budget comes from grants, fees, and other outside funding sources. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. Additional expansion of the current senior center complex is inevitable. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that more affordable senior housing is needed along with an in-town assisted living facility. An Assisted Living complex is scheduled to break ground in the spring of 2017 with a completion date and opening scheduled for 2018. There is still a big need for additional affordable housing for seniors. Our seniors should be able to remain in the town they helped build and receive services they need. As we place a priority on educating our children we need to prioritize services for those who helped build this town.

Outreach, Insurance Counseling and Social Services are a major part of the services, which

we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our priority in these areas. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance and prescription drug coverage information, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the state's Prescription Advantage program has added a heavy additional demand on this department. We have two SHINE trained counselors on staff. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Transportation continues to be a major issue as many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for service outstrip our ability to meet the need. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTA is still a pressing matter. The Council began providing a bi-monthly trip to Wal-Mart and Big Y in response to the need expressed by seniors. During FY16, our handicapped accessible vans transported 286 different seniors almost 8,000 individual trips. In addition we provided over 1100 hours of Med-Ride transportation to 180 seniors. The Executive Director of the Senior Center has been successful in submitting two mobility assistance grants to obtain new 14-passenger vehicles costing \$58,000 each from the Executive Office of Transportation over the last five years. Competition for funds from this program has greatly increased making it more difficult to obtain these vehicles and increasing the likelihood that we will need to request future vehicle funding from the town. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional wellbeing of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with transportation and a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, and rehabilitation appointments continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. The Council received a generous bequest from the estate of a former client, Ella Prescott to help support this program. We provided 1200 hours of service to over 100+ seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. This program is partially funded by a Federal Title III-E Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. It has grown from having a budget of \$3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over \$25,000. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making every effort to maintain this service and advocate for additional transportation services and funds. We are also part of the state's Regional Coordinating Committee for transportation in Western MA.

The Title III-C Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritionally balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes throughout the year. During the FY16 period, 376 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 8,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. We have maxed out the capacity in our dining room on a variety of occasions in the past year. Our Home Delivered Meals Program served an additional 23,000 meals to 134 different seniors. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver

for homebound elders. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers. Fifteen different seniors and their families were served by this program in FY 16.

Mental Health issues are affecting many seniors. Depression is very common in the elderly and contributes significantly to related health problems. Lack of Mental Health services continues to be an issue for seniors. We continue to advocate for additional funding and services.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we also operate a non-food item distribution program, which helps our seniors to stretch their income. Items include household cleaning items, laundry products and personal care items. Donations and fundraising help support this program.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, daily exercise classes, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, Zendoodle, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups and two different musical groups. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. Computer classes are offered weekly and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Wellness programming continues to expand. Two hundred forty five people participated in a variety of programs. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the

main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Flex & Tone exercise program, Osteo-exercise class, Yoga, Line Dancing, Tai Chi and continue to be very popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss and a yearly flu shot clinic. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. Staffing issues prevent the offering of more evening programs.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing volunteer opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizations, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation service for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home. A new house key lock box program was implemented this year along with a Falls & Fire Prevention Program.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over eighty citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY16. Over 15,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of at least \$165,000. Our Fundraising group, the Belchertown Senior Citizen's Center Association provides financial support through fundraising events and through proceeds from "Second Best", a used clothing and housewares store located next to the Senior Center. This store serves the entire community and donations are welcome. Their dedication and financial support helps fund our programs and services.

The Belchertown Council on Aging's Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.

Cultural Council

Belchertown's Cultural Council fostered a number of cultural events and activities in 2016, involving local area artists and craftspeople. Belchertown's share from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was \$5,500. to be divided among local artists.

The Cultural Council funded several programs at the Belchertown Senior Center, including an Upcycling workshop, Cake Decorating, and an Art with Poetry event.

The Council funded a concert by Jose Gonzalez & The New Criollo Quartet at Jabish Brook Middle School.

Several programs at the Clapp Memorial Library were funded, including Banish Misfortune (Irish Music), a Summer Reading Storytelling program with Diane Edgecomb, and a Ukulele Edu-Concert by David Maloof.

The Council funded the annual performance by the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestras. Other sponsored programs included Music with Miss Julie, the Hilton Families Newsletter, and Food Sustainability at Home.

The Belchertown Cultural Council is always willing to consult with townspeople who wish to find a way to fund projects and programs in town. Our thanks to those who have designed and presented programs.

Council members are: Claudia Bermudez, Cathy Carlton Hews, Matt Grillo, Jennifer Turner, Jennifer Whitehead, Jennifer Meighan, Rachel Martins, and Carey Southwick-Fink.

For the Council,
Claudia Bermudez, Chairman

Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC)

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1982. The Board of Selectmen appoints seven members with staggered, three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

During 2012 BEDIC overcame many obstacles that were blocking the development of the site. BEDIC was able to solve the indemnification issues in the Memorandum of Agreement between BEDIC and the Division of Capital Management and Maintenance (DCAM) with help from MassDevelopment and our legislators. In mid-2013 MassDevelopment became the Master Developer for the site and has continued to work towards developing the State School property. During 2014 the Governor signed the release of a key additional parcel from DCAM to the BEDIC that was transferred in early 2015.

MassDevelopment continues to work on a conceptual plan for the site with BEDIC, Town Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Town Manager. All parties are working together to design a master plan that fits with the overall goals of the Town Plan. BEDIC entered into a ground lease agreement with the Grantham Group to develop an assisted living facility on approximately 3 acres and to pursue the necessary permits and funding to build an 84-unit assisted living facility on Pad 1, the first area to be developed. Low Income Housing Tax Credits have been awarded to Grantham and construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2017. Through MassDevelopment, BEDIC has spent almost \$2.3-million in State funds for permitting, demolition and clean up and so far the Administration Building has been cleaned, and the demolition and clearing of Pad 1 and the large School building have been completed. Phase III remediation and demolition is currently funded and the process of selecting contractors for an additional 75,000 SF of buildings is under way. Additional clearing will be under contract for work in 2017.

BEDIC has received additional development project proposals for sections for the site and is conducting discussions and negotiations through MassDevelopment for those possibilities.

BEDIC and MassDevelopment worked with the Planning Board to implement a new zoning district and held meetings with Mass Historical Commission and the Belchertown Historical Commission to collaborate on plans for memorializing the history of the site.

Directors:

William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat
Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat
Beth Maroney, Financial Seat
Richard Kump, Real Estate Seat

Fair and Parade Committee

Belchertown celebrated its 159th annual fair and parade. This year's theme was "Something to Crow About." Exhibitors and town organizations put their imagination to work and came up with many different ideas.

Amusement rides were provided by Fiesta Shows. Friday night opened with discounted wristband sales. Due to the discounted wristbands, it made for a busy night.

Giant pumpkins meanwhile were being weighed in at the other end of the common. The Wanczyk family swept the first, second and third place spots.

Every year it seems that people start setting up for Saturday's parade as early as Friday night. Chairs were being set up along Main Street sidewalks to make sure they had a bird's eye view of everything to be seen.

Saturday's parade stepped off with a police escort. The Boy Scouts provided the Color Guard at the last moment. Amateur groups included the Boy and Girl Scouts, Belchertown Twirlers and dance companies. Both the High School and Middle School bands provided tunes to entertain everyone. Other groups represented were antique cars and tractors, floats, Town officials, fire companies and various specialty Shriners groups. We thank everyone who participated in our fantastic parade.

There were so many other events that happened over the weekend. The Social Tent and Kids' Tent stayed busy entertaining people of all ages. The 4-H tent provided different types of games and activities for children of all ages.

Hats off to Wendy and all of her Exhibit Hall volunteers. They seem to get better and better every year.

Awards:

Gary Whitlock Best Presentation of Theme Decorated Booth

Youth Booth Winner: 4H Tent

Adult Booth Winner: Christ Community Church

Judge's Award Best Presentation of Theme

Clapp Memorial Library

Parade Awards include:

Floats:

1st-Belchertown Day School

2nd-St. Frances Cub Scout Pack 507

3rd-Cub Scout 57

3rd-Belchertown Veterinary Hospital

Antique Cars:

1st-Deb Wenzel Model A

2nd-Deb Wenzel Ford Thunderbird

Bands:

1st-Belchertown High School Band

2nd-Jabist Brook Middle School Band

First Place Antique Truck: Bryan Thackery

Antique Tractors:

1st-Carl North-Farmall Cub 1953

2nd-Roy North-Farmall 1948

3rd-James Beachell-240 Industrial 1961

Marching Units (Amateur):

1st-Footloose School of Dance

2nd-Belchertown Girl Scouts and Brownies

3rd-Relay for Life

Antique Apparatus: No entries

1st-Belchertown Fire Department

2nd-Three Rivers Fire Department

Marching Units (Professional):

1st-Belchertown Fire Department

2nd-Beers and Story

Exhibit Hall Awards include:

- Exhibit Hall Grand Champion: Dale Zaleski
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest (Adult): Aimee Henderson
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest (Youth): Raymond Livengood
- Helen Papp Award: Tamara Falcone
- Glen Butler Award: Kelly Daniels Baker
- Fair Cake Adult: Ailee Henderson
- Fair Cake Youth: Haley Garrow
- Hubert and Jennie Greene Award: Lunamarie Lee
- People's Choice Award Adult: Linda Sterling
- Sandy Brougham

- People's Choice Award Youth: Brandie Dumais
- Preston Atwood Award: Tamara Falcone
- Bob Wilson Award: Laurel Place
- Les Campbell Award: Shoshanna Zonderman
- E.C. Howard and Sons Award: Louise Butler
- 1st Place Scarecrow Adult: Linda Sterling
- 1st Place Scarecrow Youth: Brandie Dumais
- Elsie Waskiewicz Award: Julian Alexander
- Best Agricultural Display:

Also occurring were two favorite events with record audiences: horse and oxen pulls.

Oxen Pulls

2400 and Under

- 1st-John Andrews with Spike and Dog
- 2nd-Ted Lewis with Cooper and Hercules
- 3rd-Paul Audette with Pete and Tim

2800 and Under

- 1st-Paul Audette with Gator and Tiger
- 2nd-Jim Austin with Goofy and Mickey
- 3rd-Ted Lewis with Tim and Swiss

3200 and Under

- 1st-Paul Audette
- 2nd-Ted Lewis with Nip and Tuck
- 3rd-Danny Clark with Junior and Ted

Free for All Class—Over 3200

- 1st-Ted Lewis with Nip and Tuck
- 2nd-Tim Clark
- 3rd- Paul Audette

Youth Teamster Class: Skills demonstrated by Kenny Moulton Jr.

Horse Pulls

3300 and Under

- 1st-Mark Powling with King and Tex
- 2nd-Gordon Johnson with King and Tony
- 3rd-Brad Hurlburt with Spudsy and Morris

3300 and Over

- 1st-Peter Hannafin with Mack and Rex
- 2nd-Mark Pawling with Dick and Tom
- 3rd-Bryan Kleeberg with Luke and Bear

The Poultry Show winners were:

Youth

- Champion Standard: Luna Marie Lee
- Champion Bantam: Lana Krol
- Champion Waterfowl: Tiffany Howe
- Champion Turkey: Phylliss Baxter Churchill
- Reserve Standard: Luna Marie Lee
- Reserve Bantam: Chloe Macaluso
- Reserve Waterfowl: Tiffany Howe
- Reserve Turkey: Phylliss Baxter Churchill

Adult

- Champion Bantam: Glenn Jameison
- Reserve Bantam: Glenn Jameison
- Showmanship Cloverbud: James Cote
- Showmanship Novice: Cassidy King
- Showmanship Junior: Chloe Macaluso
- Showmanship Senior: Thomas Williams

The Rabbit Show winners were:

Best in Show: Julie Jaska

Reserve Best in Show: Stephanie Thrasher

Best Showman: Mason Mormile

Outstanding Exhibitors: Julie Jaska

Junior Showmanship

- 1st-Mason Mormile
- 2nd-Laural Lamouroux
- 3rd-Tate Mason
- 4th-Caitlyn Jaska
- 5th-Jacob Garrett

Senior Showmanship

- 1st-Julie Jaska
- 2nd-Stephanie Thrasher
- 3rd-Kori Botello

Novice Showmanship

- 1st-Jacob Applegate
- 2nd-David garrett
- 3rd-Olivia Applegate

Cloverbud Showmanship

- 1st-Hannah Garrett
- 2nd-Loralie Backus

Countless hours are spent planning the parade and fair. The Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Police and Fire Departments, EMS, Department of Public Works, Town Hall and the Town

Hall Administration Staff for all of their help. Thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors; their help is never forgotten. Most of all I want to thank the Fair Committee members for all that they do; without this group, the fair would not exist.

Looking forward to the 160th!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chairman
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

Belchertown Family Center

The Belchertown Family Center, founded in 1998, is a community service that is funded by Collaborative for Educational Services, community and member donations. The center is a resource for families with children, ages infant to five years old and is committed to providing the community with early childhood enrichment in a safe environment that allows children to develop socially, emotionally, developmentally and physically through enrichment activities and play.

The Belchertown Family Center supports teaching and modeling appropriate parenting skills and offers resources for developmental

Massachusetts Walk for Children, the Town of Belchertown, as well as with

skills and community outreach services. We offer playgroups, where children can work on gross and fine motor skills. In addition, we foster pretend play, arts and crafts projects, music activities and pre-math and pre-reading activities that are research based. We also provide caregivers with opportunities to meet and socialize with other families, creating dialog and networking to strengthen community.

For more information, please contact the Director, Lori Allen, at 413-835-5201.

Emergency Management

During 2016 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. The towns CTY instant notification system continues to provide general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the town's emergency plan which focuses on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members continue to maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the direction of Homeland Security.

The town continues to work with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on hazardous

mitigation taking a proactive approach to identify potential future problems that may occur during natural weather events. In addition this past year time was spent working with the school's central office developing tornado drills for the district. Additional FEMA funding was secured as well to purchase ballistic armor for the fire paramedics that have been training with police on man down drills in order to enter into hot zones and administer lifesaving aid to law enforcement members that potentially need assistance.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Emergency Management Director

Fire – Rescue Department



The Belchertown Fire-Rescue Department is a combination of the towns' fire and emergency medical ambulance service.

The Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection, and environmental conservation to our community, along with our high quality Emergency Medical Services. We continue to provide 7/24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown and our neighbors. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of fifteen full-time staff, one part-time, and forty call/volunteer firefighters in addition to the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

It has been another very challenging year with funding however town meeting continues to support our requests to maintain the level of the service we provide. The department commits to the best Fire Protection, and Pre-Hospital Paramedic level care possible to the members of our community.

This past summer brought extreme dry conditions and lack of rainfall, however due diligence on everybody's part to be watchful and safe, we experience an average brush fire season.

Overall our response was down from last year by 151 calls, however the requests for permits show fire prevention activities and permits are on the rise again. The ambulance responded to 1311 emergency 911 calls, consistent with years past averaging three EMS calls per a day.

Planning towards the near future, it is time to finish our new fire station, now 20 years old, with the live in quarters that were deferred when originally built when served most in part by volunteers. Now that full-time employees are on duty around the clock, some provisions and renovations need to be conducted. In addition more full-time personnel will be needed to

handle the demands of ambulance calls as the community once again is in development stages. There is a need to replace one of the department's older fire engines, and planning is ongoing to commit and purchase an aerial device.

The members continue countless hours of mandated and bi-weekly training to provide the best services capable.

In closing I would like to thank all the firefighters of the department for their continued support and dedication to serve. I would also thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without the family support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional people take an active role in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Fire Chief

Types of Responses - 2016

Structure Fires	08
Ambulance Responses	1311
Vehicle Fires	04
Vehicle Extrication	06
Wildland Fires	23
CO Alarms	26
Hazardous Spills	55
Faulty Appliance	04
Sounding Alarms	118
Investigations	085
Mutual Aid	13
Total	1653

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	621
Smoke Detector	313
Oil Burner	85
Propane Storage	71
Underground Tank Removal	01
Fuel Storage	00
Blasting	00
Total	1091

BOARD OF HEALTH AND QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Board of Health Permit/License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2016.

Private Drinking Well Permits:	70 (41 New Construction, 29 Replacements)		
Septic Permits:	89 (47 New Construction, 42 Repairs)		
Perc Test Applications:	71 (33 New Construction, 38 Repairs, 1 cancellation)		
Bakery:	2	Piggery License:	2
Day Camp Permit:	1	Public Pool Permit:	1
Ecology Can Permits:	1	Public Spa Permit:	0
Food Establishment Permits:	20	Residential Kitchen Permits:	5
Frozen Dessert License:	2	Retail Food Permits:	10
Funeral Director License:	1	Septic Hauler's Permits:	11
Housing Inspection Voucher:	3	Septic Installer's Permits:	35
Limited Food Establish. Permits:	8	Tanning Unit Permits:	2 permits/ 4 units
Milk & Cream Licenses:	24	Temporary Food Permits:	22
Mobil Food Permits:	2	Tobacco Retail Permits:	11
Mobil Home License:	1	Food/Retail Review:	0
Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/ Furnaces Variance Permits:	0		

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Quabbin Health District

2016 Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health in 2016:

<u>Reportable Diseases:</u>			
Giardiasis	1	Hepatitis C	6
Group B streptococcus	2	Influenza	35
Haemophilus influenza	1	Legionellosis	1
		Lyme disease	1
		Salmonellosis	1

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The 48 cases listed above are those which have been confirmed. A computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Ruth Amador, R.N. from Baystate-Wing Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Baystate-Wing Hospital and Medical Centers:

- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Cases follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Amador, RN, MSN

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals.

On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

In 2016, I conducted inspections of 186 farms. The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on those inspections:

<u>Animal Count</u>			
Beef Cattle over 2 years old	109	Horses under 1 year old	0
Beef Cattle under 2 years old	83	Lamas over 1 year old	38
Breeder Pigs	6	Llamas under 1 year old	0
Chickens	1392	Pigeons	71
Dairy Cattle over 2 years old	2	Rabbits	536
Dairy Cattle under 2 years old	0	Sheep over 1 year old	18
Feeder Pigs	15	Sheep under 1 year old	5
Game Birds	24	Steers	12
Goats over 1 year old	32	Turkeys	14
Goats under 1 year old	19	Water Fowl	104
Horses over 1 year old	412		

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices. In 2016, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filed with the Belchertown Board of Health office: Dog bites: 16; Cat bites: 3; Raccoon bite: 1; Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 16. 1 raccoon, 1 cat and 1 bat were sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing. Bat and Cat tested negative for Rabies. Raccoon was too decomposed to test.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Flebotte,
Animal Inspector

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 26,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2016

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes & Soil Evaluations	72	20	7
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	47	13	1
Septic Application Review (Repair)	42	16	8
Septic Installation Inspections & Re-inspections	77	26	8
Well Application Review	70	N/A	8
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) & Re-inspections	14	115	3
Lead Paint Inspections	0	0	1
Condemnations (#of units)	0	0	1
Voucher Housing Inspections	3	11	0
Housing Court Appearances	0	3	0
Food Service Inspections (routine and complaint)	79	89	2
New or Remodeled Food Plan review	0	1	N/A
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	22	21	0
Beaver Permits	3	1	0
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated and Orders issued as warranted	7	29	1
Tanning Bed Licensure	2	2	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	1	0	0
Tattoo/Body Art Establishments	1	1	N/A
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	1	1	N/A
Meetings/Hearings	9	10	7

Total: Inspection Activities District-wide: 856

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2016 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2017 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of insurance and pension assessments.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers Stephen Bell, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk. I also would like to thank Ware

Public Health Nurse Carolyn Merriam BSN, R.N. and Belchertown Public Nurse Ruth Amador, R.N. for their hard work this year.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Historic District By-Law Commission

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic district provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district.

During the past year there were no applications for proposed work within the Historic District that did not require public hearings and therefore would have been issued a "Certificate of Non-Applicability". We issued Certificates of Appropriateness to the following: 39 South Main Street for the replacement of roof shingles with like material on the south slope of the roof; 26 South Main Street for the installation of carved, two-sided sign. A Certificate of Appropriateness was denied for 18 South Main Street for the re-design/ removal of railings of the front portion of the porch. A Certificate of Hardship was issued for the Historic Association at 20 Maple Street for the placement of Belchertown's last remaining one room schoolhouse from Barton/South Washington Street to the Stone House Museum at 20 Maple Street

The name of this commission was officially changed from The Historic District Commission to The Historic District By-Law Commission by a vote at Town Meeting. Also voted on at town meeting was the addition of two member seats added to the Commission bringing it to a full seven seats.

A preservation award was given to the owners of 22 South Main Street for their new business sign. The \$25 fee has been removed from the Historic District By-Law Commission application.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Smith, Chair
Irene Mariettos
Peter Roberts
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton
Anna Szmyd Marques, Associate Member

Historical Commission

Members: Jill Bierly, Vice Chairman; Patrick Bierly; Judith Gillan; Erika Hamilton; Richard Keating, Clerk; Alexander Loss; Leslie E. Squires, Chairman

The past year has seen the Historical Commission working on a couple of areas of interest in preserving our town's history. First, we gave our full support and encouragement to the Belchertown Historical Association in their efforts to move the last one room schoolhouse from Sebastian Dudek's farm. In August, the school was moved from the former Dudek farm on Bardwell Street to its new location on the property of the Stone House Museum on Maple Street.

Secondly, the Historical Commission has been working diligently to memorialize the former State School property. Our goal as a commission is to secure funding that will engage the entire community, including former school residents, employees, and current town residents

with the preservation process as well as preserve parts of the landscape (buildings and natural features) and artifacts on the property. We are working to plan a fully accessible, interpretive trail, with paved walkways, commemorative signage, and reflection spaces. The trail system will potentially start near Lake Wallace (where recreation facilities are currently being built). Our hope is that the trail system will bring the community together by connecting the Lampson Brook farm on Jackson Street to the former state school property, around Lake Wallace and across the 202 corridor to Jessica's Boundless Playground/Chestnut Hill School grounds.

The Historical Commission is also actively seeking potential, new commissioners to join our historical preservation efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
Jill Bierly, Vice Chairman

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority was established in 1969 and is a politic, corporate and duly organized public housing agency. State and Federal lawmakers promulgate rules and regulations by which the Housing Authority must abide. The Authority's subsidized funding is received directly from the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development.

A Board of Commissioners, who are Belchertown residents voted into office at Annual Election, oversees the Housing Authority by advocating for current and future housing, establishing local policy and providing leadership. As public officials, they hold meetings according to M.G.L. chapter 39 sections 2B of open meeting law. Meetings are on the third Thursday of every month and are open to the public. All meeting notices are posted with the Town Clerk at the Town Hall.

The administrator responsible for the day-to-day management of all programs is the Executive Director. Together the Board of Commissioners and Executive Director form a committed team to serve those in need within our community.

Our current portfolio of properties includes; (48) one bedroom units for elderly and disabled residents located at Everett Acres, (12) two, three and four bedroom units of affordable family housing split between properties on State St. and George Hannum Rd and (6) group homes for disabled individuals two of which are leased to the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services.

Applicants must meet moderate to low income guidelines and pass a detailed background check. All elderly, disabled and family housing applicants are placed on a waitlist with priority placement afforded to Veterans, local residents and those who work in town. Individuals with documented emergencies are placed before all others.

Individual rents are determined based upon the household's gross adjusted annual income. Family unit rents are set at 27% of the household's income while elderly & disabled unit rents are set at 30% of the

household's income as heat and hot water are included. Residents incomes are evaluated yearly and rents are changed as necessary. ALL rents are subsidized and we are an Equal Opportunity Housing Provider.

Applications are available online at www.belchertown.org/committees/belchertown_housing_authority.php or can be picked up at the Authority's office.

Contact information:

Belchertown Housing Authority
41 Everett Ave, OFC 24
Belchertown MA 01007
Office: 413-323-4064
Fax: 413-323-1073
Email: housingauthority.ed@belchertown.org

Office hours are: Monday-Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Rogers, Executive Director
Nancy Delgado-Bachmann, Chairperson
Judy O'Kulsky, Board Member
Marie Ciosek, Board Member

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department issued sixty five (65) new construction-building permits for single-family residences. This comprised forty seven (47) single family homes and eighteen (18) condos.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1688. New Single-family residence permits for the year 2016 almost doubled from comparisons of the last eight years. 2015: 35 2014: 40 2013: 32 2012: 17 2011: 15 2010: 38 2009: 22 2008: 19.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights

and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard and Charles Lydon are serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and Richard Rosazza, David Sedelow and Douglas Rae are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

Lakes Committee

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2016, the Committee has met 10 times and has been working with the Tri-Lakes Association, Town departments and local residents to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for the Town's waterbodies. Belchertown can be very proud of our accomplishments regarding lake stewardship efforts for all 3 lakes over the last 5 to 10 years. Data has shown a continued increase in water quality, a decline in nutrient over-loading and nuisance vegetation.

During the summer season of 2016 Lake Holland was treated with fluridone (Sonar ®) to manage dense populations of *Cabomba caroliniana* and *Myriophyllum heterophyllum*. The initial application took place on June 7, 2016 under the supervision of Aquatic Ecosystem Research's inspector. The herbicide treatment was implemented by Solitude Lake Management at a cost of \$12,950 plus monitoring reports, vegetation assessment and recommendations from limnologist, Marc June-Wells, his company Aquatic Ecosystem Research, (AER). This type of application acts as a reset to the plant community, which was necessary for

the future management of Holland Pond because the populations of both species were dominating the plant community in a manner that did not allow for more subtle management techniques. By resetting the plant community, the Tri Lakes Association and Belchertown Lake Committee will be able to undertake a more targeted, integrated plant management program to ensure that ecosystem health and recreational value are maintained over the long term. AER has submitted their report to the Lakes Committee making their recommendations for 2017 for all three lakes.

The Commission, PVPC and DPW were awarded a \$42,000 319 Non-Point Pollutant Discharge Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Resources. Currently there is direct stormwater discharge and runoff flowing into Lake Arcadia. Currently there are two catch basins and a series of overland flows that discharge directly into the lake. This work is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2017. The Belchertown Lake Committee is currently working with AER to conduct a quantitative plant survey and develop a long term integrated management program for all three lakes to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet the water quality and other agreed-upon goals.

To keep the lakes in good condition, the Town of Belchertown is already pursuing implementation of all stormwater BMP recommendations coming out of the 604b grant funded study. The Director of Public Works is in conversation with the State Access Board about improvements to the boat ramp area, located on Poole Rd. on Lake Metacomet and the Town will begin work to manage the stormwater BMPs at Lake Arcadia this Spring.

The Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2016 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman
Bonnie Strickland, Vice Chairman
Kathi Smith, Clerk
Jennica Gallagher
Cathy LeBlond

Memorial Committee

During 2016, the Memorial Committee worked through the Veterans' Agent Office to provide needed DD 214s ensuring military honors were provided at the veterans' funerals. Also, DD 214s were processed or evaluated for names to be included on the various war memorials in Town.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Memorial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Parks, Beach and Recreation Department

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of programs aimed at enriching active and leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Through the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches and the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors we were able to offer several programs this past summer which included basketball, baseball, softball, running, lacrosse, Frisbee, tennis, field hockey, volleyball, baton twirling and soccer, yoga, tai chi, jujitsu, kayaking, horseback riding, hiking, along with various art and craft programs; sing-it-loud, safe sitter, cupcake creations. Some of the new programs we introduced this year included; flag football, sports & stuff, archery, fairy cottage, crafty cards and terrarium trek. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal.

We welcomed back many familiar faces along with new patrons this past summer to the Town Beach. An evening of relaxing on the beach while watching a movie was a fun, family night for the community. We

plan to offer Movie Night events in 2017. We also continue our work in our efforts to improve the parking lot.

With the support of our loyal patrons we are able to continue to offer the following programs at our community indoor pool; Stingray's Swim Team, American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, group experiences and private lessons, morning water exercise classes, lap swimming and family swim. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the fall and winter months. Private schools, town schools and area boys and girls organizations continued to use the facility this past year.

The Belchertown Recreation Center continues to offer programming such as Safe Sitter, cupcake creations, jujitsu, tai chi, yoga, CPR and various art classes along with our new, very popular glow in the dark volleyball. The Center is popular as a place to rent for children's birthday parties, events or meetings.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Dept. of Public Works, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.



To learn more about what we offer and to register for programs check out our new online system at www.belchertownrec.com.



Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Thibeault
Director of Parks & Recreation

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board met monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, assuming there was business to conduct.

Members starting the year included Katharine Higgins-Shea, Simon James, Nancy Bachmann, and Noah Pefaur.

The following miscellaneous actions were acted upon:

The Board met on July 25, 2016 to consider:

- A grievance from the Aquatic Coordinator of the Recreation Department regarding a reduction in hours and seeking reinstatement of 2.5 hours per week.

Action taken:

- The Personnel Board requested that the Town Accountant's Office validate or confirm whether there is sufficient funds in the Pool Account or other applicable Recreation Dept. account(s) to allow for an increase of 2.5 hours per week for the Aquatic Coordinator to maintain parity with reduction in hours to similar positions within the Recreation Department.
- If there are sufficient funds, the Personnel Board requests that reinstatement of the hours (37.5 per week) be presented to the Selectman for approval pursuant to this decision of the Personnel Board as a result of the written grievance.

Respectfully submitted,
Katharine Higgins-Shea
Nancy Bachmann
Noah Pefaur
Michael Otto
Chris Abbuhl

Planning Board

In 2016, the Planning Board continued projects from last year, initiated and pursued several new zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

Compliance With the Belchertown Community Plan

The Planning Board worked to implement the recommendations of the 2009 Community Plan in multiple ways:

The Planning Department continued working with Mass in Motion, a grant-funded public health program. This is a collaboration with the consultant, the health, conservation and public works departments and the council on aging. This is a continual project that will work to integrate pedestrian and bicycle facilities to promote physical activity, community vitality, and alternatives to cars. This project is to encourage more walking in town for health, recreation, support of community businesses, and other activities that are fostered by pedestrian activity.

In August, along with the Department of Public Works, we hosted a forum on the future of State Street with alternatives and concepts proposed by Alta Design, a consultant provided through the Mass in Motion program.

The Planning Department hosted a Design and Resilience Team forum in February. This was a free service awarded us through a successful grant proposal. Over 70 residents participated in this for two evenings to provide public perspective as we look into the next years with the development happening around the state school.

The Planning Department continued to work with the EDIC and MassDevelopment in promoting and guiding growth on the former state school campus and its vicinity.

The Planning Board continued involvement with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce to discuss how to support small business development. The Town Planner represented Belchertown at several functions.

The Planning Board looks for every planning effort to be a community project. Community contributions and insights are what result in plans that work for us because they are from us. Cooperation and positive spirit can bring good results.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Eighteen new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

STREET

South Washington Street	3	Franklin Street Extension	1
North Liberty Street	2	North Washington Street	1
Rockrimmon Road	2	Rural Street	1
Sargent Street	2	Sabin Street	1
Stadler Street	2	Springfield Road	1
State Street	2		
Total Lots			18

The Planning Board monitored 10 subdivisions under construction during 2016. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

The definitive plan for a subdivision off Bardwell Street, called Woodland Lane, is under review.

The Planning Board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The board works with developers to create a work plan and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews:

The Planning Board approved site plans for expanded parking at Hargeo Auto Service; for a day care center on Stadler Street; and a combined site plan and special permit for commercial solar power between Franklin Street and North Liberty Street.

The Planning Board granted special permits for three accessory apartments, while denying one; and a used car dealership on Bay Road. One special permit for earth removal was extended.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

The Planning Board wrote zoning for small wind energy systems, which was adopted by town meeting, and worked to revise the telecommunication facility section of the zoning bylaw. The board also supported a zone change at the Cold Springs Country Club off Chauncey Walker Road.

Other Work of the Planning Department

The Planning Board's web page is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links. We also oversee the town's Geographic Information System, including working with the vendors for the site available to the public on the web site.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Planning Department provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and to MassDevelopment on the state school redevelopment.

The Town Planner has been very active as a member of the Pioneer Valley Development Council and in the regional housing plan committee. Regional priority development areas and priority protection areas were developed through this. The Town Planner is also on the ad hoc Quaboag Transportation Needs committee and the Quaboag Regional Economic Development committee.

The Town Planner manages the planning office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Town Planner is on the board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Committee.

Planning is always made better by having good information.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership in 2016 was as follows:

Christopher Laurenzo, Single Signature authority (term expires: 2017);
Donna Lusignan, Clerk (term expires: 2018);
James Natle, Vice Chair (term expires: 2019);
Michael Hofler, Chair (term expires: 2020);
Daniel Beaudette, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2021);
Sierra Pelletier, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits. (Appointed annually)

Staff

Lynn Sikes is the Planning Board Secretary.

Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

We owe special thanks to Sue Gay, who served the community as the Planning Board's secretary for 24 years. Sue was always organized and prompt while very capably managing the many versions and personalities of the Planning Board over the years. We miss her and wish her a happy retirement.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

Police Department

I am honored to submit my first annual report as Chief of the Belchertown Police Department. The men and women of your Police Department and the emergency communication's center work very hard every day and night to provide safety, security, and assistance to the community. We value teamwork and continually strive to improve our delivery of services to the entire community.

In 2016, the Police Department responded to 15,996 calls for service, which represents an approximate 14% increase from the previous year. There were 240 people arrested or summoned to court to answer charges for criminal offenses, a 4% decrease from the prior year. Officers completed 730 incident reports, a decrease of 14% from last year. Officers investigated 252 motor vehicle crashes, which is a decrease of 11% from the previous year. There was a 14% increase in traffic citations issued by officers, with 1,658 issued.

The communication's center and the Police Department are aggressively seeking any available grant funding. During 2016 a total of \$7,500 was received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security. These funds allowed for targeted and directed patrols to address traffic safety issues including, speeding vehicles, child passenger seat and seat belt violations, texting while driving, and operating under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Grant funding from the State 911 Department amounted to \$41,036 which was utilized to pay for mandated and specialized training of dispatchers, and the addition of a second dispatcher during peak times of activity.

The department is extremely active within all segments of the community through several initiatives. The Police Department and senior center collaborated on several events including monthly police-senior informational luncheons, monthly TRIAD meetings, and a jointly sponsored, highly successful blood drive. Other community-oriented policing initiatives included the launch of a new social media application called MYPD, the creation of an internet safe-exchange zone, the acquisition of a traffic speed board, a toy drive, numerous K-9 demonstrations, and several other collaborations with local groups.

The department has also begun to work with the schools, other town departments, and other outside agencies to formulate comprehensive school safety and response plans for all Belchertown schools. In preparation for future accreditation, the Police Department and communication center have initiated a review and revision of all department systems, policies, and procedures in order to bring them into conformity with best practices of the industry. The department has begun participation in several partnerships involving area law enforcement, social service, and community organizations, in order to provide needed resources for investigations and victim assistance.

Personnel changes during the year included the resignations of full time dispatcher Jeffrey Hastings, part time dispatchers Madeline Souleotis and Kevin VanZandt, and part time officer Justin Roy. Officers Jordyn Bradway and Jeremy Burns successfully completed the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee's full time police academy and are now patrolling and serving the community. Three new part time dispatchers began this year; they are Colin Rogers, Andrew Ronnau, and Stephanie Cusson. Special recognition should be given to Sergeant Bruce Jenks who served as interim chief prior to my arrival. Sergeant Jenks filled this role with superior skill and effort, as demonstrated by being the recipient of the town's employee of the year award.

The Police Department and communications center look forward to expanding our role in the Belchertown community. We pride ourselves on being an approachable, service-oriented public service department. We would like to thank all of the other town departments, and especially members of the public, for all of your cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully,

Christopher G. Pronovost
Chief of Police

Department of Public Works

Parallel to last year, the Farmer's Almanac predicted a harsh bitter cold winter for the 2015-2016 season with anticipated large snowfall amounts and consistent nor'easter temperatures for January and February. Although the weather remained antipodes to their predictions for snowfall, we did encounter a few winter mentionables which began on New Year's Eve. Sleet mixed with freezing rain left icy and glazed over road conditions which kept our crews on the move conducting an array of winter plowing procedures. Much to our relief, we remained unscathed as Belchertown dodged a major nor'easter donned "SnowZilla" on January 23rd which crippled the entire mid-west and portions of the northeast dropping as much as 42" of snow in some areas. February and March picked up slightly as we encountered minor snow scuffs and freezing rain events that barely made it into the record books; however, April showers came in the form of snow. Although we were well into springtime we encountered a winter anomaly that took us all by surprise the early morning of April 3rd and continued through April 4th dropping nine inches of snow over a seven hour span. It was a grueling day for our entire crew and private contractors who were called upon to assist clearing roads due to the antagonistic snowfall. As with every year, we remain grateful to the Town's private contractors who are always ready to assist on a moment's notice.

Overall, the cold season left us with a winter snow drought with accumulations totaling a mere 28.5 inches as compared to previous years shown below.

- **2014:** 25 snow events; 75.25 inches
- **2015:** 28 snow events; 82 inches
- **2016:** 15 snow events; 28.50 inches

The Department of Public Works additionally handles several aspects of other town projects; those of which we will outline in this report.

GREEN COMMUNITIES: The Department of Public Works has now completed its seventh year of reporting since the Town's Green Communities designation in May, 2010. We successfully submitted our Annual Green Community Report on November 18, 2016, to the Department of Environmental Resources (DOER). As expected, due to the one of the coldest winters we've seen in years (FY'16), our town buildings' heating fuel costs were heavily expended producing less than favorable energy savings to report. In addition, the reporting guidelines continue to become stricter with each passing year in that reporting is now required to be categorized under weather normalization patterns which can offset data according to costs relative to electricity/kilowatt usage and temperature comparisons from year to year. Despite the changes incurred upon us, we continue to monitor every aspect of energy savings regarding the Town's buildings, vehicles and equipment; always keeping a green approach wherever it can be applied.

GREEN COMMUNITIES COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM: Just one year later, our PetroVend Fuel Management System and Software Program, new Harvey Exterior Storm Windows for both the Town's Recreation and Freedom Center Buildings, as well as a new Viessman Boiler with Riello Burner for the Old Town Hall have all been proven successful and produce actual energy savings equating to reduced costs for the Town.

SIEMENS – Belchertown residents voted unanimously (Yr. 2011) to have the Town enter into a financing agreement in the amount of \$3,312,000.00 to fund energy management services for town-owned buildings under an Energy Savings Performance Contract with Siemens Engineering. The Department of Public Works has been a key player working with and negotiating projects with Siemens Building Technologies Inc., an independent energy auditing company. The company's reporting of an Investment Grade Audit which began in late 2010 is now complete. Belchertown's municipal buildings and schools, such as the Lawrence Memorial Hall, EMS Building, Recreation Center, Freedom Hall, Police Department, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Chestnut Hill Community School, Tadgell Elementary School and Senior Center, have all profited from this program by receiving an array of various new installs and/or upgrades, such as boilers, lighting, new building envelopes consisting of insulation and weather-stripping, roofing, exhaust fans, vending machine miser(s), lighting controls, smart thermostats, drives, exterior lighting, walk-in cooler/freezer controls and roofing, to name a few. As of July 15, 2016, the total cost for the completion of these services totaled \$3,019,807, coming in under the expected financing amount as stated earlier.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION GRANTS – CPA: This year the DPW received grant funding for the rehabilitation of Parsons Field & Stonewall located on Jabish Street in the amount of \$310,000.00 which will allow for much needed repairs and the addition of a parking area. In addition, the recreation area will now become ADA accessible with the addition of a parking area, compliant bathroom facilities and a staircase with guided handrails down to the lower field. The Department conducted the bid opening on December 6, 2016, hosted by Roy Brown Associates, with the awarding bid going to contractor H.M. Nunes & Sons Construction, Inc. from Ludlow, MA. Work is expected to commence early Spring, 2017.

ROADWAYS & RECONSTRUCTION: In March of 2016, in keeping with Mass DOT's final approved contract for the Route 181 Reconstruction and Roadway Project, approved contractors Ludlow Construction continued work along the route and began paving at the northerly end of the Belchertown/Palmer town line. The project's baseline schedule of work to be performed consisted of installing new Verizon utility poles, aerial services and anchors, installation of sidewalks, guardrails, gabion and stonewall work. By June 1, 2016, the project was underway and in full operation. To date, the

completed work has made significant enhancements and appearance to Route 181 citing increase in overall site distance and ease of traffic flow. Together, the Department of Public Works Director, Steve Williams, and onsite MassDOT Engineer, Todd Moylan, have addressed numerous concerns and questions residents had along the way. As of this report, the project is now moving into its final stages with expected project completion slated for Spring of 2017.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: The Department of Public Works continues to review all Stormwater Management applications throughout the year, thus completing 38 applications in 2016. The Department's Annual Stormwater Training for all divisions was held on April 6, 2016, and led by Jennifer Cavanaugh, project engineer from Fuss & O'Neil, who prepares the final documentation of the Department's activity for the year and in order to maintain compliance.

EARTH DAY: The Department celebrated its annual Earth Day event on Friday, April 22, 2016, by offering town recyclable orange trash bags for residents wishing to partake in the collection of roadside trash. A total of 300 small trash bags were given out to 16 participants, including the Girl Scouts/Troops of Belchertown. All trash was disposed of at the Town's Transfer Station. The Department wishes to thank all town residents who participated in this year's Earth Day event and appreciates your efforts towards keeping Belchertown clean.

SAFETY: Our Safety Committee was active this past year as well. They organized departmental training in several topics including: Work Zone/Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA10. They also completed a walk through of the DPW buildings to insure safe work practices and improvements were being implemented.

NEW VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

- 2016 Freightliner 108SD Dump Truck w/Wing

TRADED VEHICLES

- 1995 Cat 4 x 4 Backhoe
- 1995 Ford L8000
- 1994 LeeBoy 8000BH Paver

HIGHWAY DIVISION: This division took advantage of "El-Nino" to the fullest extent. Due to the unusual spring-like temperatures, non-frozen ground conditions and lack of snowfall, crews were able to conduct continuous work throughout all four seasons. Reparations to roads, potholes, roadside maintenance, culvert pipe replacement and drainage issues took center stage due to the minor and intermittent snow removal operations. In addition, 11 mailbox repairs and/or replacements were tended to due to winter season damage.

During the week of March 14-18, 2016, the DPW completed the demolition of the Old Highway Garage located at 41 Jabish Street due to its state of dilapidation and total disrepair. The building in its entirety was leveled in just a few hours due to the expertise of our crew and private contractors who gratefully provided their assistance.

This division additionally conducts an array of numerous and time consuming activities that have become increasingly cumbersome as the years progress. Some of which include crack sealing, clearing of brush and vegetation from the roadsides, removing debris and sediment from detention basins, catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, sign installation, line painting and repairing equipment. Potholes were well tended to throughout the entire year; again as a result from this year's winter hiatus.

Our roads remained well-traveled and maintained during all seasons of year 2016. During 2015-2016 snow season, our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was \$5,781.03, approximately 6.76% higher than 2014/2015 season (FY'15/\$5415.18). The total cost for the season was \$163,314.00.

The division was responsible for the preparations for all resurfacing/reclamation/overlay projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings. The following streets received this much needed work.

Street ~Resurfacing	Length/Ft.	Cost
Bardwell Street	4550'	\$122,877
Barrett Street	2400'	\$ 16,368
Bay Path Road	1650'	\$ 12,504
Brandywine Drive	1500'	\$ 25,474
East Street	4150'	\$ 61,547
Enoch Sanford Road	2700'	\$ 18,414
Rockrimmon Street	2400'	\$ 70,722
Springfield Road	1600'	\$ 24,612
Tucker Lane	935'	\$ 16,832
Warren Wright Road	5650'	\$165,250
Westwood Drive	1050'	\$ 16,199
Shaw Street	2515'	\$ 16,000
Blue Meadow Road	3168'	\$ 20,000
Jucket Hill Road	<u>1316'</u>	<u>\$ 9,000</u>
	35,584'	\$595,799

Crack Seal	Length/Ft.	Cost
East Walnut Street	1585'	\$ 1467
George Hannum Street	4900'	\$ 5031
Jackson Street	3300'	\$ 3406
Main Street	1267'	\$ 1572
North Main Street	3538'	\$ 4298
Park Street	<u>1200</u>	<u>\$ 1362</u>
	15,790'	\$17,136

Totals: 20 Streets, 51,374', Cost: \$612,935.00 = 9.7 miles

PUBLIC WAY ACQUISITIONS: At Annual Town Meeting held on May 9, 2016, Belchertown residents voted to accept the following streets/subdivisions, as public ways. The addition of these roadways will be added to the town's street inventory list and contribute to the amount of Chapter 90 reimbursement funds for Belchertown.

- Crestview Drive – Off Barton Avenue
- Old Sawmill Road –aka: Hunters Ridge, Phases 1 & 2
- Oasis Drive at Stonegate Farm

EASEMENTS/ORDER OF TAKING: In addition, this year the Department picked up the ball to acquire all easements associated with the public way acquisitions for Crestview Drive, Old Sawmill Road and Oasis Drive. This is an arduous and lengthy task that requires compounded legal abutters notifications, public hearings and final takings. The procurement of the roadway and/or drainage easement(s) will allow the DPW full access to these specific areas, whenever necessary.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: This past year the Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 112,130,000 gallons of wastewater; lower than what was received in 2015 which was 120,517,000 gallons. They also had 24 new service connections during the year, four were from within the Tri-Lakes Sewer System and 20 came from the Central Sewer System. This brings the total number of customers served to 1742 equivalent dwelling units and also the highest number of new sewer connections since 2006.

The Division staff kept busy working on some facility repairs and improvements to include two disk filter cloth upgrades, concrete and caulking repairs to three wastewater tanks, brick veneer repairs to three buildings and recoating of over 100 feet of facility sludge and secondary ductile iron piping.

The Division also completed a permit required Collections System Operations and Maintenance Plan. This O&M Plan was developed as an informative guide to help minimize sewer service interruptions and establish procedures so the Town can perform collection system maintenance more cost effectively. For example, during 2016 activities included visual inspections of trouble areas, video inspections, and a cleaning of approximately 9500 feet of collection system. Also completed was the installation of three trenchless sewer liner cast in place pipe repairs on two crushed sewer sections which were identified from past robotic sewer inspections.

Another requirement of the Collection System O&M Plan is to educate the collection system users on the importance of reducing the collection system's clean water Inflow and Infiltration. As many of the sewer system users are aware, in the past nine years the Town has been working on locating and repairing some of the sewer system defects. This next spring the Division will be taking part in a DEP required Inflow and Infiltration Study which will include data for flow monitoring, rain fall and ground water infiltration. The intent of this requirement is to identify any I&I on a system wide approach by comparing data from several segments of our collection system.

Other sewer maintenance included was the completion of the new South Main Street and Mill Valley Road sewer system. This sewer line and infrastructure replacement was done in conjunction with the Route 181 Redesign and Construction Project.

On a final note, our Wastewater Treatment Plant was one of three facilities in Massachusetts that were recently recognized by the DEP for an excellence in Operations and Maintenance. This award could not have been achieved without the overall efforts from all of the Facility Staff and their willingness to regard this facility as their own.

TRANSFER STATION: In October, 2016, the Department welcomed new Transfer Station Supervisor, Elmer "Chuck" Dodge, who has restored and continued to maintain the Station's cleanliness and daily functions. All aspects of the Town's waste disposal activities are monitored and in adherence to the Transfer Station Rules & Regulations. Violators consisting of non-permitted users and failure to use the Town's orange recyclable trash bags are recognized with the assistance of the Station's onsite surveillance system and those identified as not adhering to the Town's set regulations are promptly notified. The annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations can be found on the DPW/Town website located at www.belchertown.org. DPW link/page.

Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1,643 (FY'16) which continues to vary slightly from year to year for those who participate in our disposal/recycling program. The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during year 2016.

<i>Recyclable</i>	<i>Per Unit(s)</i>	<i>Year 2015</i>	<i>Year 2016</i>
Paper & Cardboard (co-mingled)	Tons	573.2	646.23
Waste Oil (gals)	Single	1500	1900
Tires (single)	Tons	5.67s/513t	510s/4.39t
Solid Waste (tons)	Tons	720.55	728.9
Electronics (tons)	Tons	14.95	18.67
Scrap Steel (tons)	Tons	58.98	72.01
Textile (tons)	Tons	3.93	3.68
Hazardous Material (NEDT)	Pounds	724lbs.	522lbs.

In addition, the Department was able to maintain pricing now entering into its eighth year in a row (FY09) for a Transfer Station Permit Sticker fee set at \$100.00 per year and discounted for senior citizens age 65+ at \$80.00. However, effective October 1, 2016, prices were increased \$1.00 per bundle for large bags from \$19.00 per bundle of 10 to \$20.00 per bundle of 10; the small bags per bundle of 10 remained at \$13.00.

Bags may be purchased at a variety of in-town stores, DPW, the Selectmen's Office at the Finnerty House and at Transfer Station.

The Department additionally applied for and received \$3,250 from the MassDEP "Sustainable Materials Recovery Program" in which payments are provided to municipalities who maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction. Whereas municipalities receive payments according to the number of criteria points earned in the program -- the Department earned a total of 10 points through its "Pay as You Throw Program", yard waste drop off, bulky items collected and reciprocal Hazardous Waste Collection Events. In turn, this funding will be designated towards the purchase of recycling costs/materials for the Town.

In addition, and as part of the MassDEP Grant award, we re-implemented a revised "Buy Recycle Policy" that was approved by the Board of Selectmen (Orig. Jan.25.1998, Rev. May 2.2016), to all Lawrence Memorial Hall Offices and Finnerty House. This policy is to ensure that whenever practicable, all purchasing of paper products contain a minimum of 30% recyclable content. This policy is designed to ultimately minimize waste, preserve the environment and promote recycling. In addition, each municipal office was provided with an additional blue recyclable plastic bin to exercise internal paper waste.

CEMETERY DIVISION: In 2016, the Department conducted a total of 35 burials consisting of 15 earthen burials and 20 cremations. In addition, 19 Deeds were issued for 12 lots and two lots were transferred back to the town for re-sale. Other routine activities included archiving burials, issuing deeds, conducting lot sales, mapping, grounds maintenance, lot layouts, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows, and headstone repair. The Belchertown Cemetery Division continues to archive all deceased on a continual basis with cemetery Burial Certificates dating as far back to year 1795; all of which are currently housed in fire-proof file cabinets for the preservation of these important documents for years to come. In addition, this division successfully aids anyone conducting a genealogical research with requests coming in from as far as California and Wisconsin. This division is also responsible for the processing and receiving of military markers sent from the Department of Veterans Affairs for our deceased military veterans.

BUILDINGS GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE: The Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Division was extremely busy during 2016 caring for all town buildings, 200+ acres of grounds/open space to include recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, all of which were time consuming, required knowledge of, and geared towards decreasing energy costs to the Town as well as preparing for future harsh weather events as those experienced this past year. Below is a list, to name a few, of the projects this division conducted.

- Demolished Old Animal Control Building.
- Built a new Animal Control Building - tripling the size of the facility, quadrupling the amount of storage with full facilities consisting of a bathroom, grooming station, laundry, garage, office and quarantine area.
- Demolished the Chestnut Hill Community School Playground due to extensive safety concerns.
- Conducted removal of brush cutting and overgrown along Jabish Street hill side of Parsons Field for stonewall work to begin.
- Cleaned out old Highway garage and assisted with demolition.
- Assisted with the annual setup and removal of the Belchertown Fair components.
- Conducted annual repairs to the Town Common which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to re-establish the turf.
- Repaired baseball fields at the High School and Jabish Brook Middle School.
- Conducted the seeding and fertilization of all recreation and school fields.
- Annual maintenance and mowing of town owned buildings and cemeteries.
- Maintained and reported on all 48 retention ponds throughout town ways.

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.



TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL: On November 24, 2015, Belchertown Tree Warden Steve Williams received grant funding in the amount of \$8,000 to conduct a "Tree Risk Assessment Inventory" for the Town of Belchertown. This grant was awarded by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEA) to be utilized towards tree stewardship, community based inventory and urban forest management.

As with every year, the Town's Tree Warden attends the Massachusetts Tree Warden & Foresters Association Annual Conference in order to receive recertification and accreditation to conduct work in the field. In year 2016, the Tree Warden supervised the removal of 99 trees consisting of the following varieties: 15 oak, eight ash, nine pine, 63 maples, one hemlock, one birch and two spruces. All of these trees were diseased, damaged, or deceased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter. In addition, numerous on-site visits were conducted in order to determine various reports of tree damage caused by weather damage, rot, or infestation.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: In closing, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to each of our employees (listed below), for another year of hard work and long list of accomplishments.

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| - Dylan Bachand, Highway Laborer | - Christopher Laurenzo, Highway Division Supervisor |
| - Christopher Besancon, Maintenance Laborer | - Donna Lusignan, Administrative Assistant to the Director |
| - Heather Blanchard, WWTP Operator I | - Sean Madden, Maintenance Laborer |
| - Max Bock, Public Buildings & Grounds Supervisor | - David Martel, Highway Mechanic/Truck Driver |
| - Darin Braese, Heavy Equipment Operator II | - Joshua Miller, Transfer Station Laborer |
| - Ed Burton, Highway Working Foreman | - John Panzetti, Heavy Equipment Operator I |
| - Terry Chevalier, Highway Laborer | - Leo Peet, Heavy Equipment Operator I |
| - David Clegg, Buildings and Grounds Foreman | - Lenny Russell, Transfer Station Supervisor |
| - Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I | - Stephen Sikes, Highway Mechanic/Truck Driver |
| - Melissa Cook, Maintenance Laborer | - Scot Swistak, Heavy Equipment Operator II |
| - Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operations Supervisor | - Samantha Taylor, Building Custodian |
| - Elmer Dodge, Transfer Station Supervisor | - David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I |
| - Darren Gallagher, Transfer Station Laborer | |
| - Jeff Grossman, Maintenance Laborer | |
| - Jon Grossman, Highway Laborer | |
| - Anthony Hurtado, WWTP Laborer | |
| - Karl Jensen, Building Custodian | |
| - Christopher Johnson, Maintenance Worker | |
| - Frederick Kirchner, Maintenance Laborer | |
| - Denis Lessard, Heavy Equipment Operator II | |

Seasonal/Part-time Employees

- Lawrence Belbin – Highway Division
- Kenneth Sheret – Highway Division
- Marc Chmura – Maintenance Division
- Dylan Dupont – Maintenance Division
- Nicholas Leduc – Maintenance Division
- Derek Garipey – Maintenance Division

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

SCHOOLS

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools

BPS CORE VALUES: *Respect + Responsibility + Relationship + Rigor + Reflection + Resilience*

For the Belchertown Public Schools, 2016 resulted in the identification and examination of the District's CORE BELIEFS, VISION, and MISSION, plus the thoughtful and thought-provoking development of a THREE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN. This plan provides focus for the work of educating our students through June 2019. The VISION for every Belchertown student is: *"Belchertown students, both individually and collaboratively, will be innovative thinkers, problem solvers and unique, creative contributors to their community and the world."* (Jan. 2016). The VISION statement declares that Belchertown students will have the ability to question, inquire, explore and create new ideas. They will confidently navigate and positively contribute to an ever changing world.

The MISSION Statement, developed in March 2016, states that it is the responsibility of the School District to support all students as they journey toward the achievement of the VISION. Therefore the District pledges: *"In the pursuit of excellence and the development of life-long learners, it is the mission of the Belchertown Public Schools to challenge and engage all students in a respectful, positive learning environment that fosters personal, social and academic growth in order to achieve success in a global society."*

How will this be accomplished? Working together as a united team in the District, within each school and classroom, staff and students will be guided by the 3 Year Strategic Plan on this journey toward each student's success. There are four over-arching goals which are broken down into manageable chunks by each school, each year for the life of the Plan. The over-arching goals include:

GOAL I : All students will have access to a standards-based curriculum, engage in differentiated learning experiences and demonstrate mastery of targeted skills, concepts and strategies.

Goal II: Implement a continuum of educator professional growth and development which supports a vibrant experiential learning environment characterized by innovation and risk-taking.

Goal III: Through open communication and visible actions, connect community members and families with our schools and our schools with the community and families.

Goal IV: Analyze and determine viability of education programs in relation to present facilities learning spaces, then create a long range plan for differentiated multi-modality learning spaces.

When creating a Strategic Plan, the District must examine the budget content. The spring 2016 budget season was challenging, yet resulted in supportive funding by the community for our schools to take steps toward the above goals. In the fall of 2016, Belchertown was accepted into the State RADAR Project along with 8 other communities. These 9 communities are part of a Pilot Project which examines budget processes, allocation of funds, spending and financial clarity.

Having met with the new Chief of Police, a partnership was formed which supported and improved communications between the departments. With the Fire Chief and the Police Chief, the school department began reviewing all safety protocols, the existing buildings and considered what trainings may be available to staff and students.

The District was thrilled when *Newsweek* magazine named Belchertown High School #359 out of the top 500 high schools in America, thus recognizing the success of the BHS. In addition, in the fall of 2016 the District experienced an increase in the numbers of students from other communities who chose to attend school in Belchertown, which contributed to the stabilization of the student population compared to other local districts. Also in the fall, the Director of Teaching and Learning collaborated with Senator Lesser's office which resulted in up to \$100,000 State funding for STEM.

These are only a few areas which set 2016 apart from other years. I encourage you to read each of the following school departments' contributions to learn the greater story of the Belchertown Public Schools. As always, thank you to our families and the community for entrusting BPS with the responsibility of educating the children and young adults in our community.

Respectfully,

Karol G. Coffin, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools

Student Support Services: The year started off with our English Language Learner (EL) students participating for a fourth year in the "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS)" testing. This assessment was given to students identified as ELs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students worked diligently on this assessment and the data obtained has helped the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated.

The addition of the 5th day of school at the preschool level continues to provide an added day of structure and academics for our youngest students, offering preschool screening days for students ages 3-5 years, and moving the Kindergarten Screening to the beginning of the school year so teachers have an up-to-date picture of their students' abilities and areas of need.

The Student Support Services Department wishes Joseph Silverman, School Psychologist, and Maria Santos, ELL Teacher, a happy and healthy retirement. Their expertise and dedication will truly be missed. We welcome Melissa Jorge as an ESL Teacher, Laura Bourdeau as a Speech Language Pathologist and Mary Roy as a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted their Coordinated Program Review in December 2015. As part of this Coordinated Program Review, Department staff visited the district during the week of December 14, 2015. Such visits are routinely conducted by the Department to satisfy federal and state requirements for the periodic review of specific education programs and services in schools throughout the Commonwealth. The Department reviewed several programs during a single visit in order to use Department and school staff's time most efficiently and to encourage strong connections among the programs.

After reviewing school district procedures for these programs, a Department team conducted its onsite visit, during which it reviewed individual student records, interviewed administrators, teachers and paraprofessional staff, surveyed parents and observed instructional spaces. After the onsite visit, the Department prepared a report for the Superintendent and School Committee with detailed findings for each program. The District has been working over the past year to ensure all areas are in compliance.

The Department of Student Support Services continues to include English Language Learner instruction for students who do not speak English as their first language at school and/or at home, Section 504 plans for instructional supports, and accommodations in the general education classroom for students with identified disabilities, transportation for homeless students through McKinney-Vento, and Home/Hospital services for students with significant medical diagnoses preventing them from attending school. Basically, the Student Support Services Department does exactly what the name suggests, in that it provides support services for our students.

Finally, the Student Support Services Department continues to work hard to improve and increase communication with families and community members. I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with parents, community members and with the Parent Advisory Council to continue working collaboratively towards improving the best education to all students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Cameron
Assistant Superintendent/Director of Student Support Services

Cold Spring School (CSS) Principal's Report: Cold Spring School continued to be a positive learning environment for the school district's youngest students throughout the 2016 school year. Our enrollment number provides an excellent opportunity for our 170 students to receive more individualized attention and differentiated instruction. We believe in educating the "whole child" and spent renewed focus on our students' social, emotional and physical development.

The Cold Spring School Council members developed a one year school improvement plan to correlate with the school district's new Strategic Plan. Both plans emphasized the importance of data collection, assessments, infusion of technology and social competencies programs. The following School Council members assisted in the creation and development of this document:

Lisa Stahl, Co-Chair, Parent Representative; Louise Butler, Community Representative; Mary Dulchinos, Teacher Representative; Catherine Wesloski, Teacher Representative; and Sandra Bremer, Co-Chair, Administration.

Our preschool program includes three and four year olds and serves as a perfect stepping stone for kindergarten readiness. Twelve of our preschoolers entered the kindergarten program while one hundred and fifty-two of our kindergarten students were promoted to first grade housed at the Swift River Elementary School.

Cold Spring School is fortunate indeed to have a very robust Volunteer Program, an active Foster Grandparent Program and an extremely supportive PTO. All of these organizations allow us to provide enrichment activities, additional resources and materials to extend the students' overall learning experiences. The 2016 PTO officers that served so diligently are: Allison Carey, Co-President; Vinnie Mazzaferro, Co-President; Kate Lambert, Treasurer; and Sarah Courchesne, Secretary. The CSS staff and faculty are grateful and appreciative to be able to collaborate with such dedicated individuals in providing our youngest students with an exceptional learning experience due to their collective efforts, contributions and service.

Cold Spring School is proud to have been able to prepare our students with a solid foundation as they embark on their educational journey within the Belchertown Public School district.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Sandra Bremer, Principal
Cold Spring School

Swift River Elementary School (SRE) Principal's Report: The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2016 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement through improving assessment and instruction with scientifically based researched programs and embraced inclusive teaching practices to meet the needs of all students. As a school, we challenge and engage all students in a respectful, positive learning environment that fosters personal, social and academic growth in order to achieve success in a global society. The core values that drive our foundation of learning as a community of learners are six principles, they are: respect, responsibility, relationships, rigor, reflection and resilience. Currently our total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two and three is 508 students.

We had to say a heartfelt goodbye to Cathy Kenneally who retired after a total of 20 years of service to the Belchertown School System. She has served the school community with her passion towards art education as well as her active involvement within the Belchertown community. We wish Mrs. Kenneally many years of happiness in her retirement. Also, Mr. Ryan Butler our music teacher for the past 10 years decided to spread his wings and challenge himself for a different teaching experience and sought a music position at Hyde Leadership Charter School in Hunts Point, Bronx, New York. We wish him all the best. We are very excited to announce our new Art teacher, Jillian Nugent and new Music teacher Geoffrey Gould to the Swift River community. Both have been a great fit and providing seamless transition into this school

year. Unfortunately the current reading specialist resigned creating an opening to hire Kristie Burdick, now Mrs. Zielenski to the reading specialist position. Mrs. Zielenski is already seen as a long time staff member and is respected among her peers. We continue to fill a number of school choice seats as Belchertown is a desired community in which to receive a great education. We continue to monitor enrollment numbers to make informed decisions on the impact of our classrooms.

The staff at SRE has become well adept in using technology as the opportunities for training through our IT department and Instructional Technologist continue to advance the usage and understanding of the virtual world. This is maintained through a constant stream of professional development to prepare each classroom and push forward our School Improvement Plan initiatives. Most recently as a district we adopted the google environment as a cost saving measure while providing a better environment for the entire district. We continue to strengthen our commitment to technology in all grade level classrooms by giving access for student interactive experiences using Ipads and Chromebooks. Our teachers continue to attain higher levels of proficiency by integrating lessons while using a variety of technologies such as interactive projectors, document cameras, and the use of other software programs that support skill development in each of the grade levels. This allows students to reinforce skills and opportunities in areas in most of their content areas. We further our research to make decisions on software applications along with our IT department so students have the best online experiences. Our IT department continues to make improvements to make our technology more dependable and secure.

As we continue to emphasize our peacebuilders program throughout the school year a goal within our School Improvement Plan gives direction to research alternative programs and add supplemental materials to enhance our social and emotional learning. With this initiative we have added to our tool belt a social emotional curriculum that we piloted last year called "Acting with Purpose" and now have moved into full implementation which started this fall. There is ongoing training provided to the teachers while this curriculum is being implemented. To support this social and emotional curriculum during the summer of 2016, 21 staff members received training through a 3 day workshop on Tier 1 and 2 behavior strategies to better align our expectation around behavioral strategies. This was an overwhelming commitment from our staff at SRE to provide consistency throughout the school by providing common language that defines our values as a school culture to support student success. Our value system is "alive" in our building.

We maintain our efforts with our writer's workshop model so that it is woven into our students daily experience. This attention to writing and reading lent itself to a new program that began this fall "One School, One Story" to highlight the importance of reading. Every student at SRE including teaching staff, paraprofessionals, custodial workers, cafeteria staff all reading the same children's book to collaborate as a community read aloud. This was a very successful program that allowed the opportunity to celebrate the importance of reading and building a community around quality literature. The program culminated with a school wide performance with the Pumpernickel Puppet Show that made connections to the reading genre' folktales and fairytales. Students loved the whole experience around reading. A true win-win!

Since the 2016 school year Swift River Elementary has been offering enrichment activities during recess time for our Grade 2 and 3 students. There have been 3 open enrollment periods each school year where children voluntarily sign up for an activity for 30 minutes each week. We have offered a wide variety of fun and engaging programs which include Electronics, Computer Lab Favorites, Fitness, Ultimate Dance Party, Trivia, Shadow Puppetry, Art Exploration, Chorus, and Sledding and Snowmen building. Currently there are over 76% of the students in each grade level enrolled and ready to participate in the enrichment activities.

Programs that continue to be a vital part of our school environment are the Savings Bank program for all grade levels. This program instills a sense of responsibility within our students and helps connect academics to real world experiences. Our PTO partnership is strong and continues to support our teaches in many ways such as: providing wish list items, offering craft nights and movie nights for student, bus transportation for field trips, organizing walk-a-thons, fundraisers and the list goes on. The PTO organization plus the many parent volunteers we have at Swift River Elementary is nothing short of amazing to give their time and willingness to support our programs and initiatives for all students.

Coordinated efforts among elementary buildings produced change allowing for better alignment for inclusionary practices in our inclusion classrooms. This approach helped to give common planning time to grade level teams to plan, collaborate and coordinate lessons and assessments to better support student's needs. The elementary buildings continue to work closely with an inclusion consultant to align better practice shared by both regular education teachers and special education teachers. This design was supported by the inclusion consultant to observe practices and identify areas of instruction that can better serve the student population and to develop a culture of inclusive teaching. Collaborative meetings are arranged for the inclusion classrooms with the consultant to develop strategies that are shared both by regular and special educators. The inclusion model is being refined with more support to improve student's access to grade level curriculum skills while developing the least restrictive environment for all students.

To continue moving students forward, the responsibility of our district and Swift River Elementary is to respond to information that gives us valuable data to understand our next steps in educating our students. We use an early literacy assessment, Dibels, to collect ongoing information for each student three times a year to ensure their growth with necessary skills needed at each grade level. The assessment also allows us to progress monitor students to identify small gaps in their instruction. A strong initiative at the start of the 2016-2017 school year was to train every teacher in administering this assessment rather than a small core group to assess all students. All staff have been trained and will administer the dibels assessment three times though the current school year to provide data points by observing growth percentiles for teacher in providing instructional decisions. Another assessment administered three times a year is the easyCBM math assessment, which provides early indications of gaps in math concepts and the ability to progress monitor students that show gaps in skill development. This assessment is taken in the library computer lab which is then calibrated and data instantly available to teachers. Using data is the best way to approach student learning in which instruction is based on the outcomes. This gives us benchmarks and real time awareness of our teaching practices that impact student learning.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2016 were: Robert Kuhn - co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse - teacher representative; Susan Stebbins - teacher representative, Meghan Mazzaferro - teacher representative, Dr. Andrea Gancarz - parent representative; Ruby Bansal - parent representative, Elizabeth Dudek - parent representative and Jennifer Torna as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Kuhn, Principal
Swift River Elementary School

Chestnut Hill Community School Principal's Report: At Chestnut Hill Community School, we are committed to providing students with a rigorous learning experience in which they acquire the fundamental skills and social awareness necessary for success today and into the future. I had the incredible privilege of joining this community of learners as the principal of CHCS in August of 2016 and am constantly reminded of what a wonderful place this is to work.

At the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, we saw 187 students move up to seventh grade and with the start of the 2016-2017 school year, CHCS welcomed 184 fourth graders for a total of 580 students in grades 4, 5, and 6.

The acquisition and utilization of technology is an ongoing focus here at CHCS. Utilizing PowerSchool, parents can access specific information regarding their child's academic performance at their convenience. At start of the 2016-2017 school year, as part of a multi-year initiative we began utilizing Google Apps for Education. In addition to continued professional development related to Google Apps, all staff and students now have Gmail. Many teachers are beginning to use Google Docs and Google Classroom with their students. Within the building, we continue to build upon our technological capacity. In addition to

our computer lab, laptops, and IPADs, we now have Chromebooks, which are now utilized by students and teachers to access Google Applications for Education. We are very excited about the incredible potential that this technology brings and look forward to expanding upon it in the future.

In the Spring of 2016, CHCS introduced the Botvin LifeSkills Program to all grade 5 students. This research-based social-emotional wellness and substance abuse resistance program was implemented over the course of 8 weeks. In line with the LifeSkills program expectations, the students were formally assessed at the beginning and end of the 8 weeks with pre-tests and post-tests. The results of these assessments indicated the positive impact that the LifeSkills program had on decision making skills and self-empowering behavior. In addition, students significantly increased their understanding of the dangers associated with drug use. Given these results, during the 2016-2017 school year we are happy to continue this program in grade 5 and expand it to include grade 6. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Guidance Counselors Kevin Moyer-Wilkes and Pam McConnell, School Nurse Debra Fitzpatrick, School Resource Officer Jason Krol, and the specialist teachers, who were trained in LifeSkills and supported the implementation process.

Throughout 2016 and into the 2016-2017 school year, we are continuing to utilize the Peacebuilders Program to set the foundation for social skills and social awareness. In addition to our Random Acts of Peacebuilding, we have several school-wide activities that augment the Peacebuilders program, including but not limited to, Mix-It Up Day, and the Holiday Donation Drive.

The PTO continues to be a tremendous support for our entire school community. From organizing back to school events and holiday gifts for teachers, to the Annual Walk-a-thon and coordinating volunteers for the book fair, we could not succeed without their generous support. A special thanks goes to PTO co-chairs Marybeth DiNapoli and Nicole Anliker for helping me feel welcome in this new community!

With the input of staff, the School Council has created a plan for continuous improvement. In alignment with the District Strategic Plan and District Plan, the School Improvement Plan focuses on providing differentiated, standards-based learning experiences for all students, using data to enhance the educational experiences of our students, engaging families and the community, and ensuring our facilities meet the needs of our programming. I look forward to working with the students, staff, families, and greater community in fulfilling our improvement plan.

Finally, I would like to recognize the outstanding dedication of our entire faculty and staff who on a daily basis work to ensure that the experiences of our students are engaging, motivating, and promote lifelong learning. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Jennifer Champagne, Principal
Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS) Principal's Report: Jabish Brook Middle School, serving grades 7 & 8, continued to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for our students. Our second year of PARCC testing, required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to track student proficiency rates, shows that Jabish Brook Middle School students compare favorably with students throughout the state.

The middle school has been able to combine our strong academic expectations with enrichment activities and community events, to foster the social and emotional growth of our students. Events such as the Belchertown Fair, middle school dances, food and toy drives, our winter semi-formal dance, field trips, dress up spirit weeks, etc. are all designed to help enrich the educational experience. Through the cooperative efforts of students, parents, an active Parent-Teacher Organization, fundraisers continue to be conducted to sponsor student participation in these events.

Google Classroom, an online format for the integration of technology into the classroom has provided excellent results. Over 75% of the teaching faculty is utilizing this method to provide online resources, and accept work completed online for our students. While technology becomes an ever present aspect of educating our students, dedicating the financial resources necessary to meet this demand is an ever-increasing challenge.

The JBMS After-School Program has struggled with the loss of funding, but has been able to continue under a fee based system for student participation. Faculty and staff have volunteered their time to continue the program, and have conducted fundraising events in order to provide our homework club and 8th hour extended day programming to low income students needing academic supports at no cost.

At times, addressing the needs of our students goes beyond just traditional academic courses. We continue to work cooperatively as a school to address the social-emotional and developmental needs of our students. The expansion of the Grade 7 health curriculum, the subsequent implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment (SBIRT) as a state-mandated health screening, and the referral for services to outside agencies, such as the with Behavioral Health Network, have been implemented to better address the social-emotional needs of our students.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO, Student Council and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of middle school students. It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment.

We look forward to a new schedule design and assessment model in 2017. The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) will return to the middle school, and the entire school district, and will pilot a new online testing design. We have prepared our students for this experience with the introduction of STAR Assessments, an online platform that provides real-time online assessments on academic proficiency rates and provides a template for educational recommendations and services.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Thomas K. Ruscio, Principal
Jabish Brook Middle School

High School (BHS) Principal's Report: 2016 was an excellent year for the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School. We were most excited when Newsweek released its annual list of the top public high schools in America for 2016. In Massachusetts, 18 schools made the list and Belchertown High School was number 13 in Massachusetts! Of the 500 high schools that made the national list, Belchertown High School was number 359! This is a recognition that our community can be most proud of! I congratulate our students and our educators in Pre K – Grade 12 for this most impressive honor!

Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. Belchertown High School students and faculty continue to bring great pride to the community. Belchertown High School is an educational community that fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment. The teaching and learning that takes place at Belchertown High School is impressive!

In February, The Girls' and Boys' Swim Teams had great success in the State Meet. Matt Quinney received a first place finish in the 200 yard IM at the State Meet. Also in the State Meet, Audra Hale, Nicole Oberg, Haley Synan, and Aubrey Endress earned 13th place in the 200 yard medley relay, Haley Synan earned 7th place in the 200 yard freestyle, Audra Hale earned 21st place in the 200 yard IM, Aubrey Endress earned 17th place in the 100 yard butterfly, Haley Synan earned 5th place in the 500 yard freestyle, Audra Hale earned 10th in the 100 yard backstroke, and Audra Hale, Aubrey Endress, Nicole Oberg, and Haley Synan earned 10th place in the 400 yard freestyle relay, Andrew Endress, Dennis Lelic Matt

Quinney, and Ben Laclair earned a 2nd place finish in the 200 yard medley relay, Ben Laclair received a 2nd place finish in the 200 yard freestyle, Matt Quinney earned a 1st place finish in the 200 yard IM, Andrew Endress earned a 6th place in the 50 yard freestyle, Andrew Endress received an 8th place finish in the 100 yard butterfly, Dennis Lelic received a 15th place finish in the 100 yard freestyle, Ben Laclair received a 2nd place finish in the 500 yard freestyle, Dennis Lelic received a 6th place finish in the Boys 100 yard backstroke, Matt Quinney received a 2nd place finish in the 100 yard breaststroke, and Andrew Endress, Dennis Lelic Matt Quinney, and Ben Laclair finished 3rd in the 400 yard freestyle relay.

Ms. Teixeira, Angela Grabazs, members of the National Art Honor Society, and all designers and models saw great success with Project Runway in February! Samantha Bodde and Sarah Fournier were awarded first place for their design!

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Angela Grabazs as an award recipient for 2016. A lovely event was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Angela and her family and other western Massachusetts recipients. Angela Grabazs is a renaissance woman – she excels in all areas - academics, arts, and athletics. Angela's contributions to Belchertown High School's academic program, arts program, and athletics program have had a tremendous and positive impact on our community. Angela is an outstanding student, artist, athlete, and a person who has earned the respect of her classmates, teammates, and educators. We are grateful for all that Angela Grabazs has done to make Belchertown High School a better place!

In May, Ms. Maggie Folli, Guidance Counselor, and Ms. Cecilia Goncalves, Math Teacher, were awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teacher Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Ms. Folli and Ms. Goncalves were certainly most deserving of this award given their outstanding work as educators and advisors at Belchertown High School.

On Friday, June 3rd, the Class of 2016 graduated 169 students from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Mr. Stephen Mathras, Innovation Project Engineer at Nike gave the commencement address. Mr. Mathras graduated from Belchertown High School in 2003 as the salutatorian of his class and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University. He has been working at Nike headquarters in Oregon since 2009 and moved into his role as an Innovation Project Engineer in 2013. A gentleman, scholar, athlete, and all-around good guy, the Class of 2016 was thrilled to welcome home Mr. Mathras!

Other speeches were given by Ms. Angela Grabazs, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Jordan Gamache, salutatorian of the class, and Mr. Ben Stone, president of the class. Over \$222,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

On Tuesday, August 31st, 710 students and 120 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. The Belchertown High School Community welcomed new staff: Mr. Duford - Custodian, Ms. Aponte – Paraprofessional, and Ms. Swift – Paraprofessional.

During the opening convocation, students were told how a family trip to Hershey Park reminded their principal of the six bedrock qualities which drive the Belchertown Public Schools. They all begin with R, and they are Rigor, Relationships, Reflection, Responsibility, Resilience, and Respect.

Relationships and Reflection: "One is only happy in proportion as he makes others feel happy." --Milton S. Hershey

Here at BHS, we have been discussing for the last number of years how **relationships** are a crucial element in the process of teaching and learning. All of us must cultivate and nurture **relationships** with each other that encourage growth and success. Without such **relationships**, there can be no meaningful or lasting learning. And since that is the case, then we would be wise to engage in honest and earnest **reflection** about our choices in the **relationships** we are building. Are we making wise choices? Are we acting in ways that embrace the best versions of ourselves? Are we enriching this community as much as we could be? These are all important questions that only genuine **reflection** can allow us to answer.

Resilience and Respect

The story highlighted here about Milton Hershey is in some ways no difference than that of Abraham Lincoln, Helen Keller, or Malala Yousafzai. We are well acquainted with the narrative of struggling through difficulties in order to reach newfound success. But it is important to remember that during that process...not knowing when or even if success will come...it can be tough to hang in there. That is when one's **resilience** is really tested. Let us all commit to be more **resilient**, to dig deeper, to push harder, and to grapple with ideas more completely. It is amazing what we can achieve when we refuse to see setbacks as failures, but rather as points of interest on the journey to success. And it is in the light of that struggle and effort that we win the **respect** of others...and of ourselves.

***Rigor and Responsibility**

"Give them quality. That's the best kind of advertising in the world." --Milton S. Hershey

Thanks to Newsweek, people are starting to talk about and recognize this as well they should! Teachers are providing the **rigorous** material and instruction students need to be successful. And students, time and again, have taken on the **responsibility** to meet and exceed our lofty expectations for you. Will you continue to embrace that **responsibility**?

Hershey, PA bills itself as "the sweetest place on earth." Well, with all due respect to the residents of Hershey, if success is indeed that which is counted sweetest, come spend some time at BHS to see how sweet things can be here!

In October, the BHS Golf team, Jonathan Bechta, Justin Bourque, Aidan Dupont, Ryan Chrabascz, David Fredenburgh, and Frankie Murray, won the Western MA Tournament Championship.

Also, in October, Kayla Henry was named an All American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

In November, fifty-one members of the Class of 2017 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients by Superintendent Karol Coffin, Assistant Superintendent Brian Cameron and Director of Teaching and Learning Shawn Fortin. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to our scholars on this outstanding achievement – Melanie Alibozek, Joojo Ampiah Bonney, Jenna Blain, Mikaela Bowler, Jenna Brown, Rebecca Brozek, Max Carter, Cameron Cass, Mi Choi, Hichul Chung, Alexis Cole, Matthew Davidsohn, Lauren Delude, Margaret Dull, Aidan Dupont, Sinead Fitzpatrick, Gillian Follett, Haili Giglietti, Moira Griffin, Audra Hale, Ashley Herrick, Alexandra Hoffman, Sidney Kim, Alexis Krull, Joshua Lariviere, Lucas Lavoie, Faith Lawless, Dennis Lelic, Kimberly Majerowski, Cara McKenzie, Lauryn Parent, Brooke Patterson, Jordyn Paul, Ateena Pratt, Jenna Nicole Richard, Jenna Richards, Alison Rogalewski, Nathan Rothwell, Emma Ruggiero Sampson, Jesse Russell, Marissa Shaw, Meghan Silva, Sharyden Spears, Gabriella Stone, Jonathan Vinagre, Casey Waskiewicz, Katelyn White, Sabrina Wiczorek, Cameron Wright, Abeiku Yankson, Tim Zych.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Thursday, November 10th. Belchertown High School School Adjustment Counselor Ms. Frances Fredrick, posted the colors. Mr. Jeffrey Charron was the guest speaker. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz, Ryland Charron, and Student Council for organizing the Veterans' Day Assembly. Thanks also to Dr. Messier, Ms. Comstock, Mr. Maybrey, the Music Department, Tim Zych and Nathan Rothwell for their musical contributions. Veterans Mr. Charron

Captain in the United States Air Force, Mr. Daponde Senior Master Sergeant in the United States Air National Guard, Ms. Frederick Senior Master Sargent in the United States Air National Guard, Mr. Winston Chief Warrant Officer 2 in the United States Army, Mr. Hopfe, Airman First Class, United States Air Force, Mr. Pirrone – Lieutenant Colonel United States Air Force, Mr. Smith – Master Sergeant United States Air Force, Mr. Janke – E-6 United States Navy, Mr. Theroux, Chief Master Sergeant United Air Force, Mr. Slessler – Chief Warrant Officer Merchant Marine/United States Air Force, United States Air Force, Mr. Thorpe Chief Master Sergeant United States Air Force, Ms. Patel, United States Navy.

Also in November, an Alumni Career Fair was held at Belchertown High School. Forty two Belchertown High School graduates from the Class of 1993 – Class of 2011 returned home to speak with members of the Class of 2020 about their careers. It was wonderful to welcome back our very successful alumni and hear how their education in the Belchertown Public School District shaped their career plans.

In closing, all of our students have contributed so much to the success we experienced at 142 Springfield Road in 2016 through their achievements in their academics, their talent in athletics and music, and their participation in co-curricular activities. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding students in our community. With these wonderful students and our caring educators and support personnel, we are creating new traditions, carrying on the old traditions, and looking forward to continuing to capture many wonderful memories at Belchertown High School. We are very grateful to our Superintendent, Ms. Karol Coffin, our School Committee, and the greater community for all they do for us. All of us at Belchertown High School will continue to provide a quality education for all of our students in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Vigneux, Principal
Belchertown High School

Teaching and Learning Director's Report: The primary responsibilities for the Office of Teaching and Learning include assisting administration and faculty with standards-based curriculum alignment, development, and coordination (PK-12), strengthening instructional delivery, supporting supervision and evaluation, managing student assessment, and coordinating professional development.

In this regard, I continued to facilitate the District Instructional Leadership Team (DILT) this year in an effort align our PK-12 Curriculum and Assessments. We also worked throughout the year to coordinate professional development activities that were focused, high quality, relevant to teachers' practice, connected to the school/districts' mission, and had a positive impact on student learning. We continue to develop ways to assess PD offered in the district and to try to tap into the many talented professionals that we have in our district.

The focus of our curriculum and assessment work this year has been on Science and Technology/Engineering (ST/E) and Digital Learning and Computer Science (DL & CS). Two teams of PK-12 educators are working diligently to update these curriculum guides—which are expected to be completed in 2018. We are paying particular attention to the fields of engineering and computer science and continue to seek alternative sources of funding (e.g., grants, free training, and organizational partnerships).

Much of this year's Professional Development focused on: (1) *Technology* – in particular, integrating Google Apps for Education (G Suite). (2) *Curriculum* – centering on the vertical and horizontal alignment of the MA Curriculum Frameworks. And (3) *Social Emotional Learning* – including presentations to all of our educators from clinical psychologist Dr. Nadja Reilly and from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Safe Schools Program for LGBTQ Students.

These three themes are also supported through building-based PD, district-offered PD opportunities, and partnerships with local colleges and collaboratives.

While my role is not evaluative (I do not directly supervise faculty), I do work with building principals on identifying the elements of high quality instruction and assessment in their classrooms. This can be done through: joint observations of teaching, calibration activities, participation in faculty/department/team meetings, analysis of student data, etc. Spending time in classrooms with students and teachers continues to be the highlight of my day.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Shawn Fortin
Director of Teaching and Learning

Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Director's Report: Custodial and Maintenance staff is responsible for the maintenance of five schools and two associated buildings encompassing 478,000 square feet of space. The emphasis of our department continues to be energy saving projects. This year we are fortunate to be the recipients of a lighting grant through Mass Save. Under the program, 10,000 plus four foot fluorescent lamps will be replaced with LED lamps. Another grant was received from the MASS Department of Environmental Protection that allowed the school department to test all of our drinking water throughout the district. Projects completed during the year, in addition to maintaining our schools, included; Asbestos removal projects at Cold Spring and Jabish Brook Schools, Playground repairs at Swift River Elementary School and Heat pump repairs / replacement at Chestnut Hill Community School.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and diligent efforts of the department's staff who work every day to uphold the high standards of safety and cleanliness for Belchertown students and staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Lachance,
Director of Buildings & Grounds

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. In the November 2016 state elections, incumbents David Droz (Palmer) and Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown) and Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham) were re-elected. Thomas Rugani (Warren) retired, resulting in a vacancy for the town of Warren. That position will be filled through a joint meeting between the Warren Board of Selectmen and the Warren members of the Quaboag Regional School Committee. The position of Student Member is also currently vacant but should be filled by the end of January. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. Lorraine F. Alves will continue to serve as secretary.

CURRICULUM

Based on the most recent MCAS scores, Pathfinder has continued to improve on narrowing the proficiency gaps, showing an increase in the graduation rate and a decrease in the number of dropouts for the school year 2015-2016. However, Pathfinder has been designated as a "Level 3" school by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. This designation means that, despite the improvement in MCAS scores, there are subgroups of the student population (e.g., students with special needs; students with disabilities) that have not made sufficient progress toward "Proficiency" as expected by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

As one strategy to increase academic rigor, honors level courses have been added in all core academic areas in the 9th grade programs. In addition to the honors programs, on-line learning has been encouraged to provide additional academic offerings that will ensure students' continued academic success. Advanced Placement courses have also been added to the Program of Studies for the school year 2015-2016. AP classes offered include: Language and Composition for students in grades 11 and 12; Computer Science;

U.S. History; and Calculus. Pathfinder plans to increase its AP offerings to include AP Literature and Composition in the school year 2016-2017.

Students have been given glimpses of major events into our country's history through the efforts of Shaun Moriarty of the History Department. He has engaged survivors of the Holocaust to share their experiences during that period, and he brought a group of Civil War Reenactors to give demonstrations on a make-shift battlefield outdoors. Most recently, Mr. Moriarty and some senior students were featured on the news for the newest endeavor, *The Pathfinder Penny Project*. Students in the senior Holocaust and Human Behavior classes are attempting to collect 6 million pennies, to represent the 6 million lives lost in the Holocaust. So far they are making amazing progress toward their goal! The money made will be donated to a Holocaust or genocide-related charity, and some of the proceeds will fund a class trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. later this year.

Pathfinder has continued to make advancements in technical offerings as well. All 15 career areas have adopted the most recent state frameworks. Vocational staff continue to review all areas of the curriculum and participate in professional development opportunities to ensure they remain current in all areas of instruction.

2016 SKILLS USA

Pathfinder is a "Total Participation" school, and all students are registered with both the state and national SkillsUSA organizations. Two years ago, Pathfinder was moved to the District 5, Central District, because of proximity to Bay Path Regional Technical School in Charlton, and also to make room for two more schools that joined the West District Region. This change has resulted in a significantly more competitive environment for Pathfinder contestants.

The District 5 Qualifying Competition was held at Bay Path Regional Technical High School, in Charlton on March 9, 2016. Pathfinder brought 112 students to the event, competing in 30 different areas. The results netted the students 21 medals, including nine gold, eight silver, and four bronze. Medal winners represented the CAD/Drafting, Machine/Manufacturing shop, Collision Repair/Refinishing, Electrical, Electronics, Cosmetology, Health and HVAC shops.

The State SkillsUSA Competition was held the weekend of April 28– 30, 2016, at the Best Western Royal Plaza, in Marlboro, and at Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School in Upton. Pathfinder entered 20 students who had qualified at the District level in 8 trade areas, and an additional two students who competed in the Principles of Engineering Technology phase that had no qualifying event. The results netted Pathfinder 1 gold medal in CNC Turning, 1 silver medal in Automotive Refinishing, and 2 bronze medals areas in CNC Milling and Principles of Engineering, respectively. Jordyn McCorkindale , CNC Turning, qualified for the National SkillsUSA Competition held in Louisville, KY, during the last week of June. She earned a 5th place finish.

SELECTED MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Electrical:

- Palmer Public Schools: Students completed the installation of a radio transmission antenna.
- Town of Belchertown: Students installed new LED lighting throughout the Belchertown Housing Authority building.
- Palmer Police Department: Students refinished a Ford Interceptor Police emergency vehicle.
- Town of Monson: Students completed the installation of information technology wiring throughout the Monson Town Hall.

Collision Repair Technology:

- Ware Police Department: Students continued to work on the refinishing of Ford Interceptor Police emergency vehicle.
- Warren Police Department: Students began refinishing a military Humvee to be converted to a Police emergency vehicle.
- Palmer Police Department: Students refinished a Ford Interceptor Police emergency vehicle.

Machine Technology:

- Students machined several cribbage boards as donations to non-profit organizations. The students also machined several clocks. Recipients included:

Palmer Public Library
Top Floor Learning, Palmer
Machine Technology "Poker Run" (Pathfinder fundraiser)
Pathfinder Car Show (*Skills USA* fundraiser)
Local Retiring School and Town Officials

Cosmetology:

- Students continued their annual visits to area Senior Centers during which they provided "Spa Days" for seniors. The services they offered included manicures, pedicures, facials, and hair styles. Currently the cosmetology students provide these services in Palmer, Ware, Monson and Belchertown.

Automotive Reconditioning:

- Students provided services for police, highway, fire and water districts.

Horticulture:

- Horticulture students completed the renovation of the Veterans' Memorial at the Palmer American Legion.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Forty-nine (49) students participated in the school's Cooperative Education Program which provides opportunities for paid, career-related jobs *in lieu* of attending their vocational classes. In this real work environment, the students enhanced their technical skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance among their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. Co-op continues to be an excellent pathway to full-time employment.

A strong effort to work with area businesses and to strengthen Advisory Committees has been a driving force in obtaining cooperative education placements. The school is committed to providing students with this invaluable opportunity and intends to work closely with area businesses to continually expand the program.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's total enrollment was 618 as of October 1, 2016, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 100; Granby 21; Hardwick 20; Monson 97; New Braintree 9; Oakham 15; Palmer 144; Ware 113; and Warren 43. The remaining students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from Ludlow (16). The 618 figure on October 1st represents a decrease of 1 student overall from the number reported on October 1, 2015.

The Pupil Services Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—once again received far more applications for the 9th grade openings than the school could accommodate. Transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were also very limited. Consequently, the school experienced another year of waiting lists for each grade.

In October and November, Pathfinder's guidance counselors visited the 8th graders in member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. On November 23rd eighth grade students from member districts spent the morning exploring Pathfinder's technical offerings. These students participated in an interactive hands-on experience with staff and current students. On November 30th, a Showcase Night was held for 8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest. Parents and students were offered the opportunity to utilize the newly installed online admission process at both events.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

At the thirtieth Annual Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Health Assisting Student Mallory Linn, of Ware, was Pathfinder's honoree. Mallory is a remarkable young woman with an unwavering work ethic. She was the top student in her class and had earned a cumulative GPA of 3.95. She had received a myriad of academic and technical awards for excellence and outstanding achievement throughout her high school career. Mallory served as Vice President of her class and was a member of the National Technical Honor Society. After graduation, Mallory planned to attend the University at Buffalo to study pharmacology and toxicology.

Pathfinder's recipient of the M.A.S.S. Academic Excellence Award was Allison Renaud, of Belchertown, who was an exceptional student in the Machine Tool Technology Program. With a cumulative GPA of 3.98 and enrolled in 14 honors classes. Allison was awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship this year based on her excellent MCAS scores. She was a two-year member of the National Technical Honor Society. Allison has been employed by B&R Machine, Inc. located in Ludlow and will continue there after graduation.

In June 2016, the graduating class of 144 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Forty-three (43) graduates received awards totaling \$17,950 during the ceremony. \$367,250 was made available through scholarships, awards and grants to some of our graduates from the colleges and universities to which they had been offered admission. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

PUPIL SERVICES

Under the direction of Nicole Heroux, the Pupil Personnel Department is comprised of both the Guidance and Special Education staffs.

The Department continues to be committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated. The Guidance Staff is working on revising the curriculum for College and Career Readiness for students' best interests when it comes to their

emotional and educational well-being. A course has been developed in order to help students better prepare for MCAS; each sophomore now takes a year-long Math Prep class.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of *all* learners in grades 9-12. Through continued integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency. All students admitted to Pathfinder are expected to fulfill the same requirements to receive a high school diploma as in local town high schools, and all students must have access to all academic and vocational programs.

Team chairpersons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for over 157 special needs students. The Pupil Services Department continued to be responsible for approximately 50 students who have 504 Accommodation Plans. Section 504 is a federal civil rights law which requires the provision of reasonable accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

Work continued on the collaboration between special and general educators. Vocational and academic teachers have been receiving professional development on differentiating instruction and how to work with students with social-emotional needs.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In April, Pathfinder presented a College and Career Fair for the students. Over 26 schools, business, colleges, and the military came to introduce themselves and to describe opportunities available to students after graduation. Students in all grades visited this fair.

In the spring, Pathfinder's Cosmetology Department hosted a *Beauty School Battle*. Five vocational schools participated in contests judged by local salon owners in three categories. Pathfinder students performed well, winning in several categories. Pathfinder is committed to hosting this competition in 2017 as well, hoping to add more schools into the mix.

On September 25th, Pathfinder held its 24th Annual Car Show, proceeds from which helped pay the cost of sending students to the annual SkillsUSA competition. This successful show attracts car lovers in all generations.

Automotive Technology students Brandon Kroll and Paul Jones competed in the *Top Ten Challenge* held at Universal Technical Institute in Norwood. The team placed 8th out of 36 entrants during an event that included written, general component knowledge, and hands-on performance.

Carpentry students James Austin, Keanon Decker, and Alden Leidl entered projects in the New England Woodworking Showcase in January. Alden swept the youth category, winning **both** the people's vote and the judges' vote.

On October 1st, the Machine Shop hosted its 9th annual Poker Run to help with the cost of materials and equipment for that program. A fun time was had by all.

Also in October, students and staff participated in the town of Palmer's 300th Anniversary Parade. Various vocational programs came together to build a float that sprinkled seeds and water throughout the parade route.

The Diversity Club has been concentrating on promoting school -wide tolerance and acceptance. Some of the activities included a dance, cookie decorating, and a citrus fundraiser.

For the third year, the Pathfinder hosted a popular and hugely successful Holiday Craft Fair as a fundraiser.

Horticulture students participated in the FFA State Convention held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. They participated in Floriculture, Team and Single Demonstrations, Extemporaneous Speaking and Science Project. They also competed in other Career Development Events held at Technical High Schools throughout Massachusetts. These events/contests included Safe Equipment/Tractor Operation, Forestry, and Turf Management. Attendance at these events was supported by several fund raising activities throughout the year. Pathfinder boasts 100% FFA membership, including students in all four grades.

Pathfinder FFA also organized and hosted the Town of Palmer's 300th anniversary Duck Race and built a float for the 300th Anniversary Parade.

Four Blood Drives were held in 2016, two through Bay State Hospital's Mobile Drive, and two through the American Red Cross. A total of 2621 lives were potentially impacted and saved through donations across the four drives.

The Student Council sponsored an exceptionally successful Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit local families this year. The donations included 64 turkeys and 1403 canned goods.

ATHLETICS

Participation numbers remained consistent with approximately 175 students taking part athletic programs.

Football finished with 36 participants and a record of 2-8.

The boys' soccer had 26 participants with an 11-6-1 record under new coach, Kevin Sloan. The boys qualified for the Division III State Tournament. The girls' soccer team is a young team this year with a promise for the future.

The Golf team with eight members experienced a stellar year. Co-Captains Jacob Allard and Joe Conkey qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament. Joe Conkey won The Division III Western Mass Individual Title. As a result, Pathfinder qualified for the State Finals for the first time in Pathfinder's Golf History.

Twenty boys and girls participated on the wrestling team. The wrestling team is very active, hosting and participating in many wrestling matches and tournaments throughout the state.

Basketball will return all varsity players for the upcoming season. The girls' team qualified for the Western Mass. MIAA Tournament.

New softball coach Ashley Puls had a committed team of 18. Given that there was no seasoned pitcher, the girls performed admirably, winning five games. In 2017 the girls have high hopes.

The baseball team qualified for the Western Mass. MIAA tournament and advanced to the second round. Andrew Roman was selected to participate in the State Coaches' Junior Select All-star game which was held at Bentley University, and from that game he qualified to play against the Connecticut Junior select team.

The cheerleading squad has increased in size, and their feisty spirit was contagious throughout both the football and basketball seasons.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS 2016

Program Name	Amount	Application
Title 1	\$139,194	Retain Title 1 ELA Instructor; Instructional Technology, Summer Transition Program, Supplies
Title 2	\$21,345	<i>Retaining Highly Qualified Students</i> Professional Development; SEI French River Trainings; ASCD Training
SPED Improvement Grant	\$5,040	Inclusion Training for mixed staff
SPED	\$230,164	Salaries for 3 aides, Inclusion Math and History Instructors ; Supplies, E-SPED; Transition Services
Perkins	\$100,490	MAVA CVTE & ACTE Conferences, MAVA In-house Curriculum Course, Track Loader, Solar Combiner Boxes
Academic Support	\$7,300	Supported 4 week (24 Contact Hours)
WIOA Program	\$45,000	Supported 5 weeks, @ 25 hrs./week summer work for 24 participants; 2 year-round part-time jobs
WIOA Bonus Program	\$875	Provided quarterly bonuses of \$25 - 50 for WIA participants meeting Pathfinder criteria (grades, attendance)
Silvio Cella Family Foundation	\$3,000	3 Tackle Shadowmen - Athletics
Public Service Announcement Challenge - Drunk Driving Trust Fund	\$1,000	Apple iMac
Collision Repair Foundation	\$31,000	Pro Spot i4 -Resistance Spot Welder
DSAC Grant	\$12,627	DSAC Supported Trainings; In-House Learning
TOTAL	\$597,035	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Summer Youth Enrichment Program was revived in 2016 after not being offered in 2015 because of the school wide- roof replacement project. Because of the lapse, intensified advertising and an early enrollment discounted rate were instituted to remind the public. The program was a huge success with over 125 different students selecting 190 different program slots-- over 60 children a week!

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Programs has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder offered two summer school programs designed to enable students to recover credit needed for their promotion or graduation. Academic summer school ran during the month of July for four weeks, with students being expected to log the equivalent of 40 hours per course. Overall, students from 14 schools (including Pathfinder) completed 129 online courses. While vocational related theory courses were offered during July (where students would fulfill 20 hours per course), no students required this program, and therefore it did not run this summer.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Currently the Pathfinder staff consists of 44 vocational teachers, 25.5 academic teachers, 1 teaching assistant, 1 part-time athletic trainer, nine special education teachers, three counselors, a psychologist, a library-media specialist, a speech & language pathologist, a behavioral specialist, a nurse and 9 paraprofessionals. The school is managed by the Superintendent and a group of seven professional administrators as well as a full-time grants coordinator. The support staff includes seven custodians, 11 clerical personnel and two cafeteria workers.

In June, the school said farewell to retiree Christopher Pope (Grants coordinator) and to Susan Rudy (Special Ed Instructor). Mary Ellen Rosemarn, Horticulture Instructor, retired in December.

New Hires included Vicky Etzweiler and Amy Skowyra, both Business Technology Instructors; Adam Blais, HVAC Instructor; and, Jacob Moriarty, Electronics Teaching Assistant. Denise Carrier, formerly Business Technology Instructor, was promoted to Grants Coordinator.

Dr. Paist continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of two Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators (NCLA).

In November, Academic Director Timothy Moriarty was elected to the NCLA Board of Directors as an at-large member.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

In February of 2016, the school committee adopted a FY17 budget of \$13,883,384, representing a 3.92% Increase over the previous year. The 3.92% Increase in FY17 was comprised of a 2.84% increase in the General Fund and a 1.08% increase due to the first of five years' payments on the Total Roof Replacement Project. Subsequently, Pathfinder's nine member communities unanimously voted approval on their assessments during their 2016 town meetings, thereby approving the FY17 budget pursuant to the regional school budget statute. (Please note that Pathfinder's budget increased 1.59% in FY16, decreased 0.34% in FY15, and increased 2.97% in FY14).

Included in Pathfinder's FY17 approved budget assessment calculation, the Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Rate was estimated conservatively at 60 % based on historical receipts over the last 5 years. While Regional School Districts welcomed the increase in the transportation reimbursement rate in FY15 and FY16 to approximately 70%-72%, this figure is well below the 100% reimbursement rate promised many years ago.

As stated in past years, Pathfinder had historically generated substantial annual revenue from the enrollment of non-resident tuition students once all eligible in-district applicants had been accepted. These revenues have been used to subsidize the annual operating budgets and reduce District assessments. Since FY11, non-resident student enrollments have declined, leading to decreased annual non-resident tuition revenues. In FY11, non-resident tuition accounted for nearly \$900,000.00 in annual revenue. In the current FY17 school year, actual non-resident tuition will account for approximately \$500,000 in revenue. Pathfinder is attempting to mitigate the reduction in non-resident tuition revenue through the implementation of cost saving measures. Currently, the District is reviewing its health insurance plan design and is also reviewing all vocational programs to ensure fiscal accountability.

Additionally, Chapter 70 Aid from the Commonwealth continues to be a concern. For FY17, Pathfinder's Chapter 70 Aid was increased a modest \$14,480 from the previous fiscal year. Pathfinder's total FY17 Student Enrollment of 617 students is nearly unchanged from the FY16 enrollment of 620 students. With the FY18 enrollment currently estimated at 620 students, we expect Chapter 70 School Aid to be relatively unchanged in FY18.

As Pathfinder is currently negotiating employment contracts with multiple units, preliminary FY18 budget increase estimates are difficult to ascertain. Line items such as Health Insurance, Utilities and Salaries (which make up approximately 75 % of the budget) historically drive budget increases which have averaged 2.12% over the last four years. Additionally, with low growth in state revenue sources and with decreases in Tuition-In Student Revenue and Medicaid Revenue, future budgeting will be challenging at best. Therefore, Pathfinder is committed to researching and implementing operational efficiencies and cost reduction measures while maintaining its commitment to provide a "state of the art" vocational education.

The following chart illustrates the FY17 assessments (voted in spring of FY16) to each member community:

Assessment Calculation FY2017:								
Town	Minimum Contribution	Additional Contribution	Extraordinary Maintenance	Capital Plan Year 1	Trans- portation	Retiree Health Insurance	Roof Project Assessment	Total Assessment
Belchertown	\$ 808,558	\$ 321,825	\$ 2,958	\$ 23,853	\$ 75,401	\$ 53,149	\$ 38,213	\$ 1,323,957
Granby	\$ 238,131	\$ 75,723	\$ 696	\$ 9,128	\$ 17,741	\$ 12,506	\$ 14,623	\$ 368,548
Hardwick	\$ 141,838	\$ 75,723	\$ 696	\$ 4,420	\$ 17,741	\$ 12,506	\$ 7,081	\$ 260,006
Monson	\$ 889,118	\$ 321,825	\$ 2,958	\$ 11,408	\$ 75,401	\$ 53,149	\$ 18,275	\$ 1,372,133
New Braintree	\$ 101,495	\$ 34,707	\$ 319	\$ 1,538	\$ 8,131	\$ 5,732	\$ 2,464	\$ 154,387
Oakham	\$ 102,886	\$ 34,707	\$ 319	\$ 2,623	\$ 8,131	\$ 5,732	\$ 4,201	\$ 158,599
Palmer	\$ 1,085,374	\$ 495,358	\$ 4,553	\$ 15,494	\$ 116,058	\$ 81,808	\$ 24,822	\$ 1,823,467
Ware	\$ 570,761	\$ 299,739	\$ 2,755	\$ 13,604	\$ 70,226	\$ 49,501	\$ 21,793	\$ 1,028,380
Warren	\$ 234,731	\$ 160,912	\$ 1,479	\$ 7,960	\$ 37,700	\$ 26,574	\$ 12,752	\$ 482,110
TOTALS:	\$ 4,172,892	\$ 1,820,519	\$ 16,734	\$ 90,029	\$ 426,533	\$ 300,656	\$ 144,225	\$ 6,971,588

FACILITIES

The Pathfinder total Roof Replacement Project was completed in March of 2016. The project's final audited cost was \$1,765,680.00. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) grant paid for \$1,093,742.00 of the total cost and the final outstanding balance (less Feasibility Study Funds previously paid) of \$641,000.00 was financed as the District entered into a five-year Serial Note with Eastern Bank.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

As Pathfinder enters its forty-fifth year offering quality vocational education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. They have made substantial contributions to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials, and the several town meetings for their support over these years.

The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY18 fiscal picture will undoubtedly present another challenge. However—as always-- the goal will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh (Palmer), Chairman

David Droz (Palmer), Vice Chairman

Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown), Secretary

Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown)

William E. Johnson (Granby)

Julie Quink (Hardwick)

Kathleen Barrett (Monson)

Shane Stafford (New Braintree)

Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham)

M. Barbara Ray (Ware)

Thomas Rugani (Warren) through November 2016

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

Skate Park Committee

The Skate Park Committee had a fairly uneventful year. Since the renovations at the Park have been completed the usage has increased. The feedback has been positive. We have and will continue to maintain the grounds. We appreciate all the public support we have had in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Ricker
Skate Park Committee

Veteran's Graves Officer

For the year 2016, all of Belchertown's veterans' graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their flagging assistance at Mt Hope Cemetery, as well as a thank you to Local VFW Post 8428 for their flagging assistance at South Cemetery. Veterans Agent Ray Janke also helped.

This year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown CPA Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope Cemetery and included 15 gravestones restored.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant Veteran's Graves Officer

Veterans' Service Agent

The year 2016 provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the continued sluggish economy and incremental growth in the job market. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town.

Future plans for 2016 would include: 1) Networking resources for our Veterans' and their families in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances; 2) Public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA, State benefits, and elder care issues; and, 3) A streamlined process to file VA paperwork. My office will continue to work with Belchertown residents,

organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

During 2016, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal veteran programs.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Zoning Board of Appeals

In the past year, the Board of Appeals received four requests for Special Permit; four requests for Variances and three Appeals. Three Variances were granted; one Variance was denied. Four Special Permits were approved and the Board upheld two decisions by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. One Appeal has been continued.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mark Hebert, Chairman
Robert Hislop, Member
Brian Gibbons, Member
Noah Pefaur, Associate Member (resigned)
Robert Vigneault, Associate Member
Jennifer Sharrow, Associate Member

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2016

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	3,482,405.06	3,510,080.51	218,783.85	514,645.39	16,749.39	3,582,363.11		11,325,027.31
Petty Cash Advance	165.00							165.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	346,216.24							346,216.24
Chapter 61	51,339.52							51,339.52
Excise Taxes	274,779.06							274,779.06
Tax Liens	493,502.79			9,766.30				503,269.09
Special Assessments	0.00			3,181,625.81				3,181,625.81
Departmental	582,497.30			404,668.92				987,166.22
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(182,910.35)							(182,910.35)
Tax Foreclosures	261,519.10			39,602.94				301,122.04
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,571.32						3,571.32
Due From Other Governments	165,038.56	93,406.32						258,444.88
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payal	80,000.00	74,000.00	265,000.00					419,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							19,180,312.53	19,180,312.53
Amt. To be Prov.-Comp. Absence							261,408.09	261,408.09
Total Assets	5,554,552.28	3,681,058.15	483,783.85	4,150,309.36	16,749.39	3,582,363.11	19,441,720.62	36,910,536.76

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2016

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY</u>								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	833,497.90	100,049.36		69,097.49	2,620.19			1,005,264.94
Employee Withholdings	928,476.33							928,476.33
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	26,116.62							26,116.62
Chapter 61	51,339.52							51,339.52
Excise Taxes	274,779.06							274,779.06
Tax Liens	493,502.79			9,766.30				503,269.09
Special Assessments	0.00			3,181,625.81				3,181,625.81
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
Departmental	582,497.30			404,668.92				987,166.22
Tax Foreclosures	261,519.10			39,602.94				301,122.04
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,404.02						
Government Receivable	165,038.56	93,406.32	0.00					258,444.88
Grant Receivable								0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	74,000.00	265,000.00					339,000.00
Early Pmt of 2017 Prop. Tax/CPA S	50,689.27	167.30						50,856.57
Unclaimed Checks	4,607.45							4,607.45
Excess on Land of Low Value	(6,536.80)							(6,536.80)
Bond Indebtedness	80,000.00						19,180,312.53	19,260,312.53
Compensated Absences							261,408.09	261,408.09
Total Liabilities	3,745,527.10	271,027.00	265,000.00	3,704,761.46	2,620.19	0.00	19,441,720.62	27,430,656.37
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	374,004.12	0.00		40,840.13				414,844.25
Reserve for Expenditures	191,497.00	66,206.90		188,460.00	13,608.00			459,771.90
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,243,524.06							1,243,524.06
Reserved Fund Balance		3,323,406.37	218,783.85	216,247.77	521.20	3,582,363.11		7,341,322.30
Title V Septic System Loan		20,417.88						20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	1,809,025.18	3,410,031.15	218,783.85	445,547.90	14,129.20	3,582,363.11	0.00	9,479,880.39
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	5,554,552.28	3,681,058.15	483,783.85	4,150,309.36	16,749.39	3,582,363.11	19,441,720.62	36,910,536.76

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash		3,482,405.06
Petty Cash Advance		165.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	346,216.24	
Chapter 61	51,339.52	
Excise Taxes	274,779.06	
Tax Liens	493,502.79	
Special Assessments	0.00	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	582,497.30	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	165,038.56	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(182,910.35)</u>	
		1,730,463.12
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		80,000.00
Tax Foreclosure		<u>261,519.10</u>
Total Assets		<u>5,554,552.28</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		833,497.90
Employee Withholdings		928,476.33
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	26,116.62	
Chapter 61	51,339.52	
Excise Taxes	274,779.06	
Tax Liens	493,502.79	
Special Assessments	0.00	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	582,497.30	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	165,038.56	
Tax Foreclosures	<u>261,519.10</u>	
		1,854,792.95
BANS Payable		80,000.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		(6,536.80)
Early Payment of 2017 Property Tax		50,689.27
Unclaimed Checks		<u>4,607.45</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,745,527.10</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Expenditures		191,497.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		374,004.12
Unreserved Fund Balance		<u>1,243,524.06</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>1,809,025.18</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>5,554,552.28</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS				School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals
			Federal	State							
ASSETS											
Cash	660,762.74	(98,070.74)	(21,689.53)	70,422.48	68,392.38	48,425.23	2,639,346.89	142,491.06	3,510,080.51		
Petty Cash Advance		93,406.32							93,406.32		
Due From Commonwealth	74,000.00								74,000.00		
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	3,571.32								3,571.32		
Surcharge Receivable (thru FY16)											
Due from Federal Government									0.00		
Total Assets	738,334.06	(4,664.42)	(21,689.53)	70,422.48	68,392.38	48,425.23	2,639,346.89	142,491.06	3,681,058.15		
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY											
Liabilities:											
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	19,328.76	17,853.65	4,701.36	431.95	54,604.29	3,129.35	100,049.36		
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		93,406.32					0.00		93,406.32		
Employee Withholdings									0.00		
Bond Anticipation Note	74,000.00								74,000.00		
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	3,404.02								3,404.02		
Early pmt of '17 CPA Surcharge	167.30								167.30		
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable									0.00		
Total Liabilities	77,571.32	93,406.32	19,328.76	17,853.65	4,701.36	431.95	54,604.29	3,129.35	271,027.00		
Fund Equity:											
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	594,555.84	(98,070.74)	(41,018.29)	52,568.83	63,691.02	47,993.28	2,564,324.72	139,361.71	3,323,406.37		
Reserve for Open Space	4,611.60								4,611.60		
Reserve for Historic Resources	1,919.00								1,919.00		
Reserve for Community Housing	59,676.30								59,676.30		
Reserve for Encumbrance	0.00								0.00		
Title V Septic System Loan							20,417.88		20,417.88		
Total Fund Equity	660,762.74	(98,070.74)	(41,018.29)	52,568.83	63,691.02	47,993.28	2,584,742.60	139,361.71	3,410,031.15		
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	738,334.06	(4,664.42)	(21,689.53)	70,422.48	68,392.38	48,425.23	2,639,346.89	142,491.06	3,681,058.15		

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

ASSETS	Police Station Sr. Center	Sewer upgrades	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
Cash	10,520.66	89,962.50	118,300.69	218,783.85
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		<u>265,000.00</u>		<u>265,000.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>354,962.50</u>	<u>118,300.69</u>	<u>483,783.85</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00	0.00	0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		265,000.00	0.00	265,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payable		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>265,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>265,000.00</u>
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>89,962.50</u>	<u>118,300.69</u>	<u>218,783.85</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>89,962.50</u>	<u>118,300.69</u>	<u>218,783.85</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>354,962.50</u>	<u>118,300.69</u>	<u>483,783.85</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash		514,645.39
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	4,368.08	
Sewer User Fees	400,300.84	
Assessments	3,181,625.81	
Tax Liens - Sewer	<u>9,766.30</u>	
		<u>3,596,061.03</u>
Sewer Possessions		39,602.94
Total Assets		<u>4,150,309.36</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		69,097.49
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	4,368.08	
Sewer User Fees	400,300.84	
Assessments	3,181,625.81	
Tax Liens - Sewer	9,766.30	
Sewer possessions	<u>39,602.94</u>	
		<u>3,635,663.97</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,704,761.46</u>
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		188,460.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		40,840.13
Retained Earnings		<u>216,247.77</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>445,547.90</u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>4,150,309.36</u>
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash 16,749.39

Total Assets 16,749.39

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable 2,620.19

Total Liabilities 2,620.19

Fund Equity:

Reserve for Expenditures 13,608.00

Retained Earnings 521.20

Total Fund Equity 14,129.20

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 16,749.39

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash	2,884,365.28
 Total Assets	 2,884,365.28

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable	0.00
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Total Liabilities	0.00
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Fund Equity:

Fund Balances:	
Reserved	2,884,365.28

Total Fund Equity	2,884,365.28
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,884,365.28
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash	697,997.83
 Total Assets	 697,997.83

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:

Reserved	697,997.83
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Total Fund Balance	697,997.83
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	697,997.83
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2016

	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS</u>			<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u>		<u>FIDUCIARY TYPE (TRUSTS)</u>		<u>TOTALS</u> (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	
Revenue:								
Taxes	24,466,329.04							24,466,329.04
State Receipts	17,144,991.00							17,144,991.00
Excise Taxes	1,974,981.72							1,974,981.72
Lieu Taxes	327,674.45							327,674.45
Licenses & Permits	272,972.56							272,972.56
Special Assessments	60.61							60.61
Interest	186,662.67	22,820.80		6,750.15		106,023.46		322,257.08
Fines & Forfeits	37,456.45							37,456.45
Departmental Revenue	347,454.15	3,104,235.74		1,632,925.76	267,350.17			5,351,965.82
Fees	70,467.00							70,467.00
Rentals	62,069.92							62,069.92
Umass Transit	40,471.00							40,471.00
Other Miscellaneous	59,861.72	281,546.85				18,709.35	2,200.00	362,317.92
Grants		3,223,094.18						3,223,094.18
Performance Guarantees		22,500.00						22,500.00
Gifts		204,079.91						204,079.91
Temporary Loans	80,000.00	74,000.00	265,000.00					419,000.00
MWPAT								0.00
Bond Proceeds								0.00
Total Revenues	45,071,452.29	6,932,277.48	265,000.00	1,639,675.91	267,350.17	124,732.81	2,200.00	54,302,688.66
Expenditures:								
General Government	1,767,386.40	680,126.79						2,447,513.19
Protection of Persons & Property	3,550,591.04	478,315.42						4,028,906.46
Education	28,062,839.46	3,120,786.94				7,100.00		31,190,726.40
Public Works	2,417,773.84	1,035,311.84		825,483.85	279,939.83			4,558,509.36
Human Services	863,193.31	252,418.28						1,123,362.06
Culture & Recreation	750,344.83	418,474.02				7,740.47		1,168,818.85
Insurance & Unclassified	3,996,780.18							3,996,780.18
Debt & Interest	2,587,958.65			864,923.56				3,452,882.21

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2016

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE		TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	
Expenditures (continued):								
State Assessments	1,315,303.00							1,315,303.00
Prior Year Expenditures	104,149.87			17,060.05				121,209.92
Land Purchase								0.00
Construction			262,753.73					262,753.73
Equipment								0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds								0.00
Temporary Loan								0.00
Total Expenditures	<u>45,416,320.58</u>	<u>5,985,433.29</u>	<u>262,753.73</u>	<u>1,707,467.46</u>	<u>279,939.83</u>	<u>14,840.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>53,666,755.36</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(344,868.29)	946,844.19	2,246.27	(67,791.55)	(12,589.66)	109,892.34	2,200.00	635,933.30
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Operating Transfers In	1,210,014.80	0.00	0.00	152,512.00	0.00	437,000.00	0.00	1,799,526.80
Operating Transfers Out	<u>589,512.00</u>	<u>773,014.80</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>437,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,799,526.80</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>620,502.80</u>	<u>(773,014.80)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>152,512.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	275,634.51	173,829.39	2,246.27	84,720.45	(12,589.66)	109,892.34	2,200.00	635,933.30
Audit Adjustment *								0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-15	<u>1,533,390.67</u>	<u>3,236,201.76</u>	<u>216,537.58</u>	<u>360,827.45</u>	<u>26,718.86</u>	<u>2,774,472.94</u>	<u>695,797.83</u>	<u>8,843,947.09</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-16	<u>1,809,025.18</u>	<u>3,410,031.15</u>	<u>218,783.85</u>	<u>445,547.90</u>	<u>14,129.20</u>	<u>2,884,365.28</u>	<u>697,997.83</u>	<u>9,479,880.39</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes	24,461,113.30	24,466,329.04	5,215.74
State Receipts	17,274,485.00	17,144,991.00	(129,494.00)
Excise Taxes	1,705,000.00	1,974,981.72	269,981.72
Lieu Taxes	324,200.00	327,674.45	3,474.45
Licenses & Permits	194,300.00	272,972.56	78,672.56
Special Assessments	0.00	60.61	60.61
Interest	160,000.00	186,662.67	26,662.67
Fines & Forfeits	38,200.00	37,456.45	(743.55)
Departmental Revenue	205,250.00	347,454.15	142,204.15
Fees	71,000.00	70,467.00	(533.00)
Rentals	54,400.00	62,069.92	7,669.92
Umass Transit	40,471.00	40,471.00	0.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	75,731.00	59,861.72	(15,869.28)
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>
Total Revenues	44,604,150.30	45,071,452.29	467,301.99
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,843,253.00	1,767,386.40	75,866.60
Protection of Persons & Property	3,737,732.00	3,550,591.04	187,140.96
Education	28,175,362.00	28,062,839.46	112,522.54
Public Works	2,496,023.00	2,417,773.84	78,249.16
Human Services	970,744.28	863,193.31	107,550.97
Culture & Recreation	753,309.00	750,344.83	2,964.17
Insurance & Unclassified	4,291,221.00	3,996,780.18	294,440.82
Debt & Interest	2,592,461.00	2,587,958.65	4,502.35
State Assessments	1,314,437.00	1,315,303.00	(866.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	109,291.57	104,149.87	5,141.70
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	46,283,833.85	45,416,320.58	867,513.27
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(344,868.29)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	1,140,000.00	1,210,014.80	
Operating Transfers Out	<u>589,512.00</u>	<u>589,512.00</u>	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>550,488.00</u>	<u>620,502.80</u>	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		275,634.51	
Audit Adjustments		0.00	
Fund Balance 7/1/15		<u>1,533,390.67</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/16		<u>1,809,025.18</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2016

	CPA	Highways	Federal	GRANTS State	School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	63,204.00	882,269.26	922,762.56	361,339.63	232,153.45		761,365.28		3,223,094.18
Collections & Fees	220,138.10		38,988.36	22,553.00	396,238.45	196,216.77	1,757,576.55	472,524.51	3,104,235.74
Interest	21,531.98			124.60	261.66		585.01	317.55	22,820.80
Performance Guarantees								22,500.00	22,500.00
Gifts			6,630.56				197,449.35		204,079.91
Temporary Loans	74,000.00								74,000.00
Other							13,060.00	268,486.85	281,546.85
Total Revenues	378,874.08	882,269.26	968,381.48	384,017.23	628,653.56	196,216.77	2,730,036.19	763,828.91	6,932,277.48
Expenditures:									
General Government	305,593.46			1,367.00			240,940.07	132,226.26	680,126.79
Protection of Persons & Property				58,887.52			14,981.22	404,446.68	478,315.42
Education			818,383.42	158,767.24	604,703.91	178,396.80	1,085,344.36	275,191.21	3,120,786.94
Department of Public Works		885,800.20		59,337.28			74,174.36	16,000.00	1,035,311.84
Human Services			161,733.22	74,451.56			16,155.65	77.85	252,418.28
Culture & Recreation				29,359.75			389,114.27		418,474.02
Debt & Interest									0.00
Total Expenditures	305,593.46	885,800.20	980,116.64	382,170.35	604,703.91	178,396.80	1,820,709.93	827,942.00	5,985,433.29
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	73,280.62	(3,530.94)	(11,735.16)	1,846.88	23,949.65	17,819.97	909,326.26	(64,113.09)	946,844.19
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In									0.00
Operating Transfers Out							773,014.80		773,014.80
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(773,014.80)	0.00	(773,014.80)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Special Revenue Fund

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2016

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State						
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	73,280.62	(3,530.94)	(11,735.16)	1,846.88	23,949.65		17,819.97	136,311.46	(64,113.09)	173,829.39
Audit Adjustments										0.00
Balance 7-1-15	<u>587,482.12</u>	<u>(94,539.80)</u>	<u>(29,283.13)</u>	<u>50,721.95</u>	<u>39,741.37</u>		<u>30,173.31</u>	<u>2,448,431.14</u>	<u>203,474.80</u>	<u>3,236,201.76</u>
Balance 6-30-16	<u>660,762.74</u>	<u>(98,070.74)</u>	<u>(41,018.29)</u>	<u>52,568.83</u>	<u>63,691.02</u>		<u>47,993.28</u>	<u>2,584,742.60</u>	<u>139,361.71</u>	<u>3,410,031.15</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2016

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
Interest				\$0.00
MWPAT				\$0.00
USDA Grant				\$0.00
USDA Loan				\$0.00
Rebates				\$0.00
Temporary Loans		265,000.00		\$265,000.00
Bond Proceeds				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Revenue	0.00	265,000.00	0.00	\$265,000.00
Expenditures:				
Construction		\$260,463.73	\$2,290.00	\$262,753.73
Equipment				\$0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds				\$0.00
Temporary Loans				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$260,463.73</u>	<u>\$2,290.00</u>	<u>\$262,753.73</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$0.00	\$4,536.27	(\$2,290.00)	\$2,246.27
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In				\$0.00
Operation Transfers Out				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	\$0.00	\$4,536.27	(\$2,290.00)	\$2,246.27
Fund Balance 7-1-15	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$85,426.23</u>	<u>\$120,590.69</u>	<u>\$216,537.58</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-16	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$89,962.50</u>	<u>\$118,300.69</u>	<u>\$218,783.85</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,265,000.00	1,406,513.05	141,513.05
Sewer Assessments	167,300.00	201,372.71	34,072.71
Sewer Connections	20,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
Interest	0.00	6,750.15	6,750.15
Dumping Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>
Total Revenue	1,452,300.00	1,639,675.91	187,375.91
Expenditures:			
Environmental	877,655.00	825,483.85	52,171.15
Debt & Interest	882,464.00	864,923.56	17,540.44
Prior Year Expenditures	<u>17,060.05</u>	<u>17,060.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,777,179.05	1,707,467.46	69,711.59
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(67,791.55)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	152,512.00	152,512.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>152,512.00</u>	<u>152,512.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		84,720.45	
Fund Balance 7/1/15		<u>360,827.45</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/16		<u>445,547.90</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	261,976.00	264,893.00	2,917.00
Sale of Recycling	7,000.00	<u>2,457.17</u>	<u>(4,542.83)</u>
Total Revenue	268,976.00	267,350.17	(1,625.83)
Expenditures:			
Environmental Hazardous Waste	282,087.00	279,939.83	2,147.17
Total Expenditures	299,937.00	279,939.83	19,997.17
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(12,589.66)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		<u>(12,589.66)</u>	
Fund Balance 7/1/15		<u>26,718.86</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/16		<u>14,129.20</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Expendable Trust Funds

Statement of Changes in Fund Balance For Period Ended June 30, 2016

	Balance 7/1/2015	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2016
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	\$224,498.11 \$52,808.04		\$22,179.11 \$2,125.30	\$7,691.47			\$238,985.75 \$54,933.34	\$238,985.75 \$54,933.34
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	\$5,427.98		\$251.36				\$5,679.34	\$5,679.34
Calvin Bridgman High School	\$16,041.10		\$745.83				\$16,786.93	\$16,786.93
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	\$79,684.40		\$2,548.31	\$5,000.00			\$77,232.71	\$77,232.71
Pazasis Scholarship	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	\$373.53	\$14,000.00	\$411.38	\$2,000.00			\$12,784.91	\$12,784.91
Hansbury Scholarship	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Shumway Scholarship	\$2,161.21		\$70.19	\$100.00			\$2,131.40	\$2,131.40
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$2,256.45		\$211.71				\$2,468.16	\$2,468.16
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$4,056.23		\$208.33				\$4,264.56	\$4,264.56
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	\$64,267.37	\$4,709.35	\$2,321.02				\$71,297.74	\$71,297.74
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	\$48,781.83		\$3,033.86				\$51,815.69	\$51,815.69
Susan M.D. Bridgman	\$1,491.06		\$57.22				\$1,548.28	\$1,548.28
Nellie E. Brown	\$2,350.29		\$111.91	\$49.00			\$2,413.20	\$2,413.20
Willard Stebbins	\$2,458.41		\$133.95				\$2,592.36	\$2,592.36
Vianna E. Somes	\$2,729.92		\$102.52				\$2,832.44	\$2,832.44
E. Schmidt Memorial	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Penson Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement Trust	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Conservation Fund	\$891.24		\$30.17				\$921.41	\$921.41
Stabilization Fund	\$2,131,792.28	\$437,000.00	\$69,260.54		(\$437,000.00)		\$2,201,052.82	\$2,201,052.82
Workers' Compensation Fund	\$132,403.49		\$2,220.75				\$134,624.24	\$134,624.24
	<u>\$2,774,472.94</u>	<u>\$455,709.35</u>	<u>\$106,023.46</u>	<u>\$14,840.47</u>	<u>(\$437,000.00)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,884,365.28</u>	<u>\$2,884,365.28</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2016

	Balance 7/1/2015	Additions	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2016
Poor Funds:				
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69			512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00			10,000.00
School Funds:				
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00			2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00			6,000.00
Library Fund:				
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00			4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:				
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00			2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:				
Senior Center Memorial	0.00			0.00
Penson Fund:				
Pensions	0.00			0.00
Retirement Trust	0.00			0.00
Cemetery Funds:				
Perpetual Care	155,837.14	2,200.00		158,037.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00			200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00			1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00			1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	<u>300.00</u>			<u>300.00</u>
	<u>695,797.83</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>		<u>697,997.83</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

ASSETS	High School 2001	Tri-Lakes Ind. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-05	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rte MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Land-Exempt Tuller, Topping Projects 08	Capital Tri-Lakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer Tri-Lakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St. MWPAT	Sewer Howard St. MWPAT	Energy Savings Project	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
Amt to be Provided for																
Pmt of Debt	9,290,000.00	330,000.00	1,635,700.00	125,000.00	150,000.00	315,000.00	145,000.00	160,000.00	480,000.00	890,000.00	1,043,865.77	421,416.00	2,325,000.00			19,180,312.53
Amt to be Provided for																
Comp. Absent																
Total Assets	9,290,000.00	330,000.00	1,635,700.00	125,000.00	150,000.00	315,000.00	145,000.00	160,000.00	480,000.00	890,000.00	1,043,865.77	421,416.00	2,325,000.00	19,866.90	241,541.19	261,408.09
LIABILITIES																
Bond Indebtedn	9,290,000.00	330,000.00	1,635,700.00	125,000.00	150,000.00	315,000.00	145,000.00	160,000.00	480,000.00	890,000.00	1,043,865.77	421,416.00	2,325,000.00			19,180,312.53
Compensated																
Absences																
Total Liabilities	9,290,000.00	330,000.00	1,635,700.00	125,000.00	150,000.00	315,000.00	145,000.00	160,000.00	480,000.00	890,000.00	1,043,865.77	421,416.00	2,325,000.00	19,866.90	241,541.19	19,441,720.62

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY17
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
Selectmen	\$15,582.00	\$14,356.26	\$1,225.74	
Town Administrator	\$229,110.00	\$228,783.21	\$326.79	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	\$1,500.00	\$1,480.71	\$19.29	
Finance Committee	\$250.00	\$204.00	\$46.00	
Reserve Fund	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00 *	
Town Accountant	\$208,268.00	\$204,862.25	\$3,405.75	
Computer Director	\$316,382.00	\$307,780.51	\$8,601.49	\$4,500.10
Assessors	\$294,778.00	\$290,854.49	\$3,923.51	\$110.50
Treasurer/Collector	\$291,238.00	\$289,138.11	\$2,099.89	\$95.00
Law Account	\$91,300.00	\$70,882.92	\$20,417.08	
Town Clerk	\$136,918.00	\$132,017.35	\$4,900.65	
Election & Registration	\$36,482.00	\$32,426.24	\$4,055.76	
Conservation Commission	\$76,742.00	\$76,742.00	\$0.00	
Pioneer Valley Planning	\$2,198.00	\$2,197.35	\$0.65	
Planning Board	\$108,220.00	\$106,075.51	\$2,144.49	
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,695.00	\$601.30	\$2,093.70	
EDIC	\$390.00	\$376.08	\$13.92	
Agricultural Commission	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Lakes Committee	\$14,000.00	\$7,125.48	\$6,874.52	\$6,874.00
Mobile Home Rent Control	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Printing Town Report	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,482.63</u>	<u>\$1,017.37</u>	
	\$1,843,253.00	\$1,767,386.40	\$75,866.60	\$12,079.60
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>				
Police Department	\$2,118,441.00	\$1,995,230.95	\$123,210.05	\$196.40
Fire/EMS Department	\$1,344,858.00	\$1,296,342.50	\$48,515.50	\$2,606.69
Hydrant Service	\$26,256.00	\$26,256.00	\$0.00	
Injured on Duty	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	
Regional Lockup Assessment	\$13,917.00	\$13,917.00	\$0.00	
Inspection Services	\$153,765.00	\$149,714.01	\$4,050.99	
Civil Defense	\$1,560.00	\$650.00	\$910.00	
Dog Officer	<u>\$70,935.00</u>	<u>\$68,480.58</u>	<u>\$2,454.42</u>	
	\$3,737,732.00	\$3,550,591.04	\$187,140.96	\$2,803.09
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
Town Schools	\$27,113,992.00	\$27,001,469.46 *	\$112,522.54	\$111,485.04
Regional School	<u>\$1,061,370.00</u>	<u>\$1,061,370.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$28,175,362.00	\$28,062,839.46	\$112,522.54	\$111,485.04

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY17
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
Personal Services	\$777,028.00	\$749,040.86	\$27,987.14	
Professional Engineering	\$60,390.00	\$60,230.82	\$159.18	\$126.00
Administration	\$21,220.00	\$21,218.97	\$1.03	
Snow & Ice Control	\$242,000.00	\$238,954.11 *	\$3,045.89	
Street Lighting	\$42,800.00	\$41,886.15	\$913.85	
Road Machinery	\$179,450.00	\$175,433.70	\$4,016.30	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	\$163,240.00	\$163,239.48	\$0.52	
Town Garage	\$37,230.00	\$37,229.59	\$0.41	
Hired Services	\$182,500.00	\$180,985.73	\$1,514.27	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$437,745.00	\$411,868.33	\$25,876.67	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	\$52,155.00	\$52,151.45	\$3.55	
Finnerty House	\$8,500.00	\$8,444.45	\$55.55	
EMS Building	\$10,655.00	\$10,596.49	\$58.51	
Police Station	\$66,290.00	\$60,876.30	\$5,413.70	\$5,412.07
Senior Center Building	\$53,915.00	\$53,911.72	\$3.28	
Recreation Building	\$22,835.00	\$22,368.28	\$466.72	
Freedom Center	\$19,399.00	\$18,500.83	\$898.17	
Franklin School Building	\$6,470.00	\$6,061.05	\$408.95	\$226.53
Fire Station	\$42,825.00	\$42,824.87	\$0.13	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	\$24,671.00	\$24,670.41	\$0.59	
Old Town Hall	\$9,355.00	\$6,277.68	\$3,077.32	
Town Common	\$3,750.00	\$3,733.62	\$16.38	
Town Clock	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	
Cemetery Department	<u>\$31,000.00</u>	<u>\$26,668.95</u>	<u>\$4,331.05</u>	
	\$2,496,023.00	\$2,417,773.84	\$78,249.16	\$5,764.60
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
Board of Health	\$16,471.00	\$10,262.63	\$6,208.37	\$1,038.79
Quabbin Health District	\$134,408.28	\$134,408.28	\$0.00	
Council on Aging	\$509,622.00	\$474,339.20	\$35,282.80	\$20,000.00
Veterans' Services	<u>\$310,243.00</u>	<u>\$244,183.20</u>	<u>\$66,059.80</u>	
	\$970,744.28	\$863,193.31	\$107,550.97	\$21,038.79
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>				
Clapp Memorial Library	\$435,141.00	\$434,593.59	\$547.41	\$54.68
Recreation Department	\$285,816.00	\$285,717.59	\$98.41	
Recreation - Pool	\$29,154.00	\$28,483.59	\$670.41	
Teen Center Operating	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Town Beach	\$2,050.00	\$1,488.06	\$561.94	
Family Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Historical Commission	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Historic District	\$348.00	\$62.00	\$286.00	
Patriotic Exercises	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
	\$753,309.00	\$750,344.83	\$2,964.17	\$554.68

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY17
<u>INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
Unclassified	\$52,475.00	\$48,746.08	\$3,728.92	
Council of Governments	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	
Pensions	\$2,345,461.00	\$2,345,461.00	\$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	
Unemployment	\$17,000.00	(\$258.18)	\$17,258.18	
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$1,020,000.00	\$979,580.65	\$40,419.35	
Group Life-Town Share	\$4,000.00	\$2,923.70	\$1,076.30	
Medicare-Town Share	\$100,000.00	\$94,911.21	\$5,088.79	
General Insurance	\$333,535.00	\$325,006.40	\$8,528.60	
One-time/Capital	\$407,000.00	\$196,659.32	\$210,340.68	\$210,260.68
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$4,291,221.00	\$3,996,780.18	\$294,440.82	\$210,260.68
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>				
Maturing Debt	\$2,005,000.00	\$2,005,000.00	\$0.00	
Interest	<u>\$587,461.00</u>	<u>\$582,958.65</u>	<u>\$4,502.35</u>	
	\$2,592,461.00	\$2,587,958.65	\$4,502.35	\$0.00
<u>ENCUMBERED FUNDS</u>				
General Government	\$10,448.00	\$9,641.67	\$806.33	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	\$410.37	\$410.37	\$0.00	
School Department	\$36,793.20	\$35,764.83	\$1,028.37	
Public Works	\$46,640.00	\$36,640.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Unclassified	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Human Services	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	
Capital & one time	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$6,693.00</u>	<u>(\$6,693.00)</u>	
	\$109,291.57	\$104,149.87	\$5,141.70	\$10,000.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY17
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
General Government	\$1,843,253.00	\$1,767,386.40	\$75,866.60	\$12,079.60
Protection of Persons/Property	\$3,737,732.00	\$3,550,591.04	\$187,140.96	\$2,803.09
Education	\$28,175,362.00	\$28,062,839.46	\$112,522.54	\$111,485.04
Public Works	\$2,496,023.00	\$2,417,773.84	\$78,249.16	\$5,764.60
Human Services	\$970,744.28	\$863,193.31	\$107,550.97	\$21,038.79
Culture & Recreation	\$753,309.00	\$750,344.83	\$2,964.17	\$554.68
Insurance & Unclassified	\$4,291,221.00	\$3,996,780.18	\$294,440.82	\$210,260.68
Debt & Interest	\$2,592,461.00	\$2,587,958.65	\$4,502.35	\$0.00
	\$44,860,105.28	\$43,996,867.71	\$863,237.57	\$363,986.48
Encumbered Funds	<u>\$109,291.57</u>	<u>\$104,149.87</u>	<u>\$5,141.70</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$44,969,396.85</u>	<u>\$44,101,017.58</u>	<u>\$868,379.27</u>	<u>\$373,986.48</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2016

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2015	Reduced FY2016	Outstanding 6/30/2016
High School	2002	2.59	10,895,000.00	1,605,000.00	9,290,000.00
			*reissued in '11		
Buildings:					
Sr. Center	2002	2.59	195,000.00	50,000.00	145,000.00
			*reissued in '11		
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	3.99	275,000.00	55,000.00	220,000.00
QECB/Energy Project	2012	1.17	2,530,000.00	205,000.00	2,325,000.00
Sewer Loans:					
WWTP	1999	0.00	2,149,700.00	514,000.00	1,635,700.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	155,000.00	30,000.00	125,000.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	185,000.00	35,000.00	150,000.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	390,000.00	70,000.00	320,000.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	985,000.00	95,000.00	890,000.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	2,071,553.88	202,223.12	1,869,330.76
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	3.99	140,000.00	30,000.00	110,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer	2008	2.00	1,120,068.45	76,202.68	1,043,865.77
Howard Street #1	2011	2.00	430,435.00	23,057.00	407,378.00
Howard Street #2	2011	2.00	15,063.00	1,045.00	14,018.00
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	3.99	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Topping	2008	4.18	180,000.00	20,000.00	160,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	2008	4.18	<u>545,000.00</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>	<u>480,000.00</u>
			<u>22,266,820.33</u>	<u>3,081,527.80</u>	<u>19,185,292.53</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2016

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2015	Reduced FY2016	Outstanding 6/30/2016	Due In FY2017
High School	2002	2.59	10,895,000.00	1,605,000.00	9,290,000.00	1,585,000.00
		*reissued in '11				
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	2.59	195,000.00	50,000.00	145,000.00	50,000.00
		*reissued in '11				
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	3.99	275,000.00	55,000.00	220,000.00	55,000.00
QECB/Energy Project	2012	1.17	2,530,000.00	205,000.00	2,325,000.00	205,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	2,149,700.00	514,000.00	1,635,700.00	529,500.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	155,000.00	30,000.00	125,000.00	30,000.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	185,000.00	35,000.00	150,000.00	35,000.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	390,000.00	70,000.00	320,000.00	75,000.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	985,000.00	95,000.00	890,000.00	100,000.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	2,071,553.88	202,223.12	1,869,330.76	207,155.39
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	3.99	140,000.00	30,000.00	110,000.00	30,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer	2008	2.00	1,120,068.45	76,202.68	1,043,865.77	77,741.49
Howard Street #1	2011	2.00	430,435.00	23,057.00	407,378.00	23,522.00
Howard Street #2	2011	2.00	15,063.00	1,045.00	14,018.00	1,045.00
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	3.99	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Topping	2008	4.18	180,000.00	20,000.00	160,000.00	20,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	2008	4.18	<u>545,000.00</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>	<u>480,000.00</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>
			<u>22,266,820.33</u>	<u>3,081,527.80</u>	<u>19,185,292.53</u>	<u>3,088,963.88</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule

June 30, 2016

	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	3,088,963.88	691,141.59	3,780,105.47
2018	3,101,597.08	580,320.09	3,681,917.17
2019	3,092,436.85	478,600.45	3,571,037.30
2020	2,502,452.74	375,521.70	2,877,974.44
2021	2,279,580.07	272,965.48	2,552,545.55
2022	2,271,683.40	181,400.14	2,453,083.54
2023	743,901.17	87,945.61	831,846.78
2024	756,162.59	55,061.67	811,224.26
2025	377,062.17	40,592.46	417,654.63
2026	372,488.37	26,170.33	398,658.70
2027	374,963.04	11,974.43	386,937.47
2028	127,487.17	3,105.55	130,592.72
2029	29,903.00	1,531.65	31,434.65
2030	30,507.00	927.55	31,434.55
2031	31,124.00	1,628.48	32,752.48
	<u>19,180,312.53</u>	<u>2,808,887.18</u>	<u>21,989,199.71</u>

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER -- JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2015	\$ 10,457,470.47	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	\$ 61,959,299.29
RECEIPTS	62,826,856.13	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2016	\$ 11,325,027.31
	73,284,326.60		\$ 73,284,326.60
INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS		SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION	\$ 39,232.18
TRUST FUNDS		SPECIAL ACCOUNTS	
ACCOUNT		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D
SCHOOL FUNDS			
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	22,041.10	745.83	\$ 22,786.93
GEORGE LONGLEY	7,427.98	251.36	\$ 7,679.34
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	1,688.49	11.78	\$ 1,700.27
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	79,684.40	2,548.31	\$ 82,232.71
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	373.53	411.38	\$ 784.91
SHUMWAY SCHOLARSHIP	2,161.21	70.19	\$ 2,231.40
CEMETERY FUNDS			
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	1,691.06	57.22	\$ 1,748.28
WILLARD STEBBINS	3,958.41	133.95	\$ 4,092.36
VIANNA SOMES	3,029.92	102.52	\$ 3,132.44
NELLIE BROWN	3,350.29	111.91	\$ 3,462.20
PERPETUAL CARE	204,618.97	3,033.86	\$ 207,652.83
POOR FUNDS			
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	737,358.80	24,024.05	\$ 761,382.85
WHITING STREET	62,808.04	2,125.30	\$ 64,933.34
MISC FUNDS			
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	6,156.23	208.33	\$ 6,364.56
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	6,256.45	211.71	\$ 6,468.16
CONSERVATION	891.24	30.17	\$ 921.41
SENIOR CENTER	64,257.37	2,321.02	\$ 66,578.39
STABILIZATION FUND	2,131,792.28	69,260.54	\$ 2,201,052.82
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	132,403.49	2,220.75	\$ 134,624.24
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	14,858.53	521.29	\$ 15,379.82
CULTURAL COUNCIL	5,132.12	124.60	\$ 5,256.72
TOTALS	3,491,939.91	108,526.07	\$ 3,600,465.98

NOTE & PURPOSE	FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD	DATED	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#992-JACKSON FARM PURCHASE	GREENFIELD COOPERATIVE BANK	4/29/2016	\$ 39,000.00	4/28/2017	0.73%
#993-OLD TOWN HALL	GREENFIELD COOPERATIVE BANK	6/17/2016	\$ 35,000.00	6/17/2017	0.79%
#994-RTE 181 SEWER & PATRICK CENTER	EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK	6/15/2016	\$ 345,000.00	9/30/2016	0.73%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN TREASURER

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN -- TOWN/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT
7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

FISCAL 2013 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015		\$	2,463.76	
COLLECTED	\$	2,463.76		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	-		
	\$	2,463.76	\$	2,463.76

FISCAL 2014 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015		\$	41,105.54	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	15,261.78		
COLLECTED	\$	24,910.97		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	932.79		
	\$	41,105.54	\$	41,105.54

FISCAL 2015 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015		\$	347,219.15	
REFUND		\$	2,075.25	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	43,151.27		
TO TAX POSSESSION	\$	1,280.92		
COLLECTED	\$	281,786.54		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	23,075.67		
	\$	349,294.40	\$	349,294.40

FISCAL 2016 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015		\$	11,846,459.25	
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	12,230,202.01	
REFUND		\$	52,967.24	
ABATED	\$	109,294.46		
TO TAX TITLE	\$	91,609.56		
COLLECTED	\$	23,627,694.51		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	301,029.97		
	\$	24,129,628.50	\$	24,129,628.50

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2015

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	20,779.90	
REFUND		\$	167.96	
COLLECTED	\$	20,947.86		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	-		
	\$	20,947.86	\$	20,947.86

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2016

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	29,364.74	
REFUND		\$	2,319.16	
COLLECTED	\$	30,469.45		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	1,214.45		
	\$	31,683.90	\$	31,683.90

FISCAL 2017 REAL ESTATE

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	12,129,581.23	
COLLECTED	\$	42,907.51		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	12,086,673.72		
	\$	12,129,581.23	\$	12,129,581.23

2011 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015		\$	6,003.69	
ABATED	\$	5,542.74		
COLLECTED	\$	460.95		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	-		
	\$	6,003.69	\$	6,003.69

2012 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015		\$	7,046.79	
COLLECTED	\$	1,135.41		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	5,911.38		
	\$	7,046.79	\$	7,046.79

CPA 2014

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015		\$	37.63	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	10.92		
COLLECTED	\$	26.71		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016	\$	-		
	\$	37.63	\$	37.63

CPA 2015

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015		\$	2,159.99	
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	253.44	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	149.28		
COLLECTED	\$	2,230.61		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016	\$	33.54		
	\$	2,413.43	\$	2,413.43

CPA 2016

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015		\$	107,796.94	
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	112,863.75	
REFUND		\$	114.34	
ABATED	\$	1,713.74		
TO TAX TITLE	\$	603.28		
COLLECTED	\$	216,846.91		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016	\$	1,611.10		
	\$	220,775.03	\$	220,775.03

CPA 2017

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	110,769.50	
COLLECTED	\$	167.30		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016	\$	110,602.20		
	\$	110,769.50	\$	110,769.50

2015 SEWER CHARGES

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015		\$	428,531.11	
REFUND		\$	3,652.75	
TO LIEN	\$	76,009.10		
COLLECTED	\$	356,174.76		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016	\$	-		
	\$	432,183.86	\$	432,183.86

2015 SEWER LIENS

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015		\$	1,399.13	
COLLECTED	\$	1,399.13		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016	\$	-		
	\$	1,399.13	\$	1,399.13

2016 SEWER CHARGES

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,372,439.25	
REFUND		\$	365.55	
ABATED	\$	176.50		
COLLECTED	\$	972,327.46		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016	\$	400,300.84		
	\$	1,372,804.80	\$	1,372,804.80

2016 SEWER LIENS

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	83,813.18	
COLLECTED	\$	79,445.10		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016	\$	4,368.08		
	\$	83,813.18	\$	83,813.18

2015 DAIGLE WELL BETT

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015		\$	60.61	
COLLECTED	\$	60.61		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016	\$	-		
	\$	60.61	\$	60.61

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN -- TOWN/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT
7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

2013 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015 \$ 14,479.55
 REFUND \$ 491.15
 ABATED \$ 803.64
 COLLECTED \$ 6,506.99
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 7,660.07
 \$ 14,970.70 \$ 14,970.70

2014 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015 \$ 34,838.32
 REFUND \$ 964.09
 ABATED \$ 2,684.49
 COLLECTED \$ 22,125.60
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 10,992.32
 \$ 35,802.41 \$ 35,802.41

2015 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE
 OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 156,483.37
 COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 206,823.82
 REFUND \$ 13,522.41
 ABATED \$ 23,348.02
 COLLECTED \$ 327,663.36
 OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016 \$ 25,818.22
 \$ 376,829.60 \$ 376,829.60

2016 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE
 COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 1,819,168.81
 REFUND \$ 10,971.98
 ABATED \$ 58,532.66
 COLLECTED \$ 1,547,211.06
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 224,397.07
 \$ 1,830,140.79 \$ 1,830,140.79

2015 TRILAKES BETT
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015 \$ 3,082.89
 COLLECTED \$ 3,082.89
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ -
 \$ 3,082.89 \$ 3,082.89

2016 TRILAKES BETT
 COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 159,718.06
 TO TAX TITLE \$ 1,374.18
 COLLECTED \$ 154,763.12
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 3,580.76
 \$ 159,718.06 \$ 159,718.06

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT
 OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 1,393,309.89
 COMMITTED INT IN ADVANCE \$ 164.58
 APPORTIONED FY16 RE \$ 152,839.71
 COLLECTED \$ 44,217.08
 OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016 \$ 1,196,417.68
 \$ 1,393,474.47 \$ 1,393,474.47

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR
 JULY 1, 2015- JUNE 30, 2016
 TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$ 28,486,814.48
 AMBULANCE ACCT \$ 781,427.19
 TOTAL \$ 29,268,241.67

TAXES, LIENS, EXCISES \$ 28,098,201.16
 INTEREST/FEEs \$ 168,565.95
 SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 286.00
 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT/INT \$ 219,761.37
 AMBULANCE ACCT \$ 781,427.19
 TOTAL \$ 29,268,241.67

FISCAL 2012 PERS PROP
 OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 3,550.29
 COLLECTED \$ 3,550.29
 OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016 \$ -
 \$ 3,550.29 \$ 3,550.29

FISCAL 2013 PERS PROP
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015 \$ 6,459.00
 ABATED \$ 126.61
 COLLECTED \$ 1,537.09
 OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016 \$ 4,795.30
 \$ 6,459.00 \$ 6,459.00

FISCAL 2014 PERS PROP
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015 \$ 5,785.58
 ABATED \$ 77.61
 COLLECTED \$ -
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 5,707.97
 \$ 5,785.58 \$ 5,785.58

FISCAL 2015 PERS PROP
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015 \$ 11,023.94
 ABATED \$ 1,397.02
 COLLECTED \$ 5,326.48
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 4,300.44
 \$ 11,023.94 \$ 11,023.94

FISCAL 2016 PERS PROP
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015 \$ 246,729.88
 COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 251,446.08
 REFUND \$ 10,496.05
 COLLECTED \$ 502,297.91
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 6,374.10
 \$ 508,672.01 \$ 508,672.01

FISCAL 2017 PERS PROP
 COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 264,932.67
 COLLECTED \$ 7,781.76
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 257,150.91
 \$ 264,932.67 \$ 264,932.67

COMSTAR
 AMBULANCE ACCOUNT
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2015 \$ 643,737.76
 COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 2,084,514.90
 REFUNDED \$ 2,627.17
 ABATED \$ 1,368,169.79
 COLLECTED \$ 781,427.19
 OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 581,282.85
 \$ 2,730,879.83 \$ 2,730,879.83

MISCELLANEOUS REC.
 OUTSTANDING 6/30/2015 \$ 50,497.41
 COMMITTED \$ 24,999.65
 COLLECTED \$ 24,157.54
 OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016 \$ 51,339.52
 \$ 75,497.06 \$ 75,497.06

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
 LISA M BANNER

TOWN CLERK													
2016 FINANCIAL REPORT													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	664.00	288.00	840.00	328.00	556.00	624.00	496.00	784.00	872.00	520.00	520.00	584.00	7076.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	60.00	20.00	80.00	140.00	220.00	180.00	60.00	160.00	200.00	140.00	40.00	40.00	1340.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
BURIAL PERMIT	60.00	15.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	45.00	15.00	75.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	420.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	320.00	200.00	140.00	220.00	300.00	120.00	60.00	300.00	160.00	260.00	220.00	100.00	2400.00
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
DOG FINES	20.00	80.00	1075.00	1110.00	2756.00	1270.00	170.00	252.00	420.00	1220.00	400.00	50.00	8823.00
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	110.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	580.00	0.00	110.00	290.00	265.00	425.00	105.00	505.00	2510.00
DOG LICENSE	8485.00	6885.00	4314.00	1396.00	1412.00	751.00	286.00	376.00	266.00	406.00	361.00	5030.00	29968.00
DOG GIFT FUND	920.00	825.00	0.00	92.00	25.00	1380.00	201.00	355.00	435.00	0.00	1540.00	480.00	6253.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION	0.00	0.00	2325.00	0.00	50.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2525.00
HISTORICAL APPLICATION	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
PARKING CITATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	255.00	85.00	145.00	135.00	95.00	355.00	100.00	35.00	135.00	0.00	1490.00	125.00	2955.00
POLE ORDER	0.00	0.00	40.00	80.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	320.00
RAFFLE PERMIT	30.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	30.00	15.00	0.00	45.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	300.00
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	200.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	550.00
MSC SALES	8.00	8.00	108.00	12.00	4.60	56.00	2665.25	4.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	4.25	2884.10
TOTAL	11062.00	8501.00	9192.00	3658.00	6188.60	5236.00	4388.25	2996.00	3095.00	3095.00	4884.00	6988.25	69284.10
Respectfully Submitted,													
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte													
Town Clerk													

TOWN CLERK
2016 VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Belchertown		1
	Greenfield	1	
	Holyoke	1	2
	Northampton	13	14
	Springfield	<u>44</u>	<u>31</u>
		59	48

<u>Marriages:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	50	57
Non-Resident	17	16

Married in Belchertown: 29

Married Out-of-Town: 41

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	58	39
Non-Resident	2	1

Place of Death:

Agawam	1	Longmeadow	1
Amherst	4	Montague	1
Belchertown	31	Northampton	4
Boston	1	Palmer	7
East Longmeadow	2	South Hadley	4
Gloucester	1	Springfield	19
Greenfield	1	Ware	8
Hadley	3	Wilbraham	5
Holyoke	5	Worcester	2

Presidential Primary - March 1, 2016
Belchertown, MA

DEMOCRAT		PRECINCTS					
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
Presidential Preference (Vote for One)	Bernie Sanders	469	405	362	594	1830	
	Martin O'Malley	3	4	2	4	13	
	Hillary Clinton	253	231	251	267	1002	
	Roque "Rocky" Da La Fuente	0	1	0	1	2	
	No Preference	2	1	6	3	12	
	Blanks	2	2	2	0	6	
	Sundry Write-ins	1	3	6	0	10	
	Total	730	647	629	869	2875	
State Committee Man (Vote for One)	Bruce Samuel Adams, Jr.	299	287	253	343	1182	
	Mark A. Kenyon	163	160	162	171	656	
	Blanks	266	199	210	349	1024	
	Sundry Write-ins	2	1	4	6	13	
	Total	730	647	629	869	2875	
State Committee Woman (Vote for One)	Marygail B. Cokkinias	475	450	401	547	1873	
	Blanks	253	196	225	319	993	
	Sundry Write-ins	2	1	3	3	9	
	Total	730	647	629	869	2875	
Town Committee (Vote for no more than 35)	Linda E. Barron	718	653	598	787	2756	
	Karen A. Chrisman	624	600	520	722	2466	
	Sean J. Cleary	646	609	538	723	2516	
	Edwina J. Cruise	630	600	519	723	2472	
	Stephanie A. D'Avella-Viens	632	600	527	695	2454	
	Carla H. Dell'Olio	626	601	546	696	2469	
	Evan B. Dell'Olio	627	597	541	696	2461	
	Francesco Dell'Olio	626	597	541	688	2452	
	Kenneth E. Elstein	680	621	542	760	2603	
	Fay M. Flanary	644	608	532	708	2492	
	Simon R. James	631	609	534	696	2470	
	Richard W. Knapp	633	607	531	712	2483	
	Susan P. Knapp	633	617	528	720	2498	
	Elizabeth L. Loughran	634	600	520	716	2470	
	Mary K. Olberding	645	630	541	712	2528	
	Michael J. Potishnak	626	588	518	703	2435	
	James M. Rodgers	624	590	519	700	2433	
	Randi B. Shenkman	644	601	530	706	2481	
	Terry S. Nagel	658	620	540	712	2530	
	Iris L. Broudy	636	596	526	703	2461	
	Blanks	12689	10501	11303	16118	50611	
	Sundry Write-ins	9	5	6	19	39	
		Total	25515	22650	22000	30415	100580

**Presidential Primary - March 1, 2016
Belchertown, MA**

REPUBLICAN	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
OFFICE	Jim Gilmore	1	0	0	0	1
Presidential Preference	Donald J. Trump	145	205	247	151	748
(Vote for One)	Ted Cruz	40	52	57	46	195
	George Pataki	0	0	0	0	0
	Ben Carson	9	10	21	15	55
	Mike Huckabee	0	0	0	1	1
	Rand Paul	0	0	1	0	1
	Carly Fiorina	1	1	1	0	3
	Rick Santorum	1	1	0	0	2
	Chris Christie	1	0	1	2	4
	Marco Rubio	75	63	90	54	282
	Jeb Bush	1	2	0	1	4
	John R. Kasich	75	76	67	71	289
	No Preference	1	5	1	0	7
	Blanks	2	0	1	0	3
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	1	1
	Total	352	415	487	342	1596
PRECINCTS						
REPUBLICAN		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
State Committee Man	Thomas A. McCarthy	158	160	215	138	671
(Vote for One)	Robert A. Grove	105	140	156	101	502
	Alexander J. Sherman	19	16	17	15	67
	Blanks	70	97	97	88	352
	Sundry Write-ins	0	2	2	0	4
	Total	352	415	487	342	1596
State Committee Woman	Deborah L. Martell	204	227	288	188	907
(Vote for One)	Lillian Gray	78	95	99	70	342
	Blanks	70	92	98	84	344
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	2	0	3
	Total	352	415	487	342	1596
Town Committee	Marcel Archambault	2	0	3	0	5
(Vote for no more than 35)	Charles Arthur	2	0	3	0	5
	Gerald Grasso	2	0	4	2	8
	Kathleen Grasso	2	0	3	0	5
	Stacia Salvatore Roy	2	0	3	0	5
	Richard Barry	0	4	1	0	5
	Eugenie Barry	0	4	0	0	4
	Marycatherine Knight	0	0	1	1	2
	Raymond Janke	0	0	0	2	2
	Cynthia Janke	0	0	0	2	2
	Blanks	12308	14516	17010	11961	55795
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	5	2	9
	Total	12319	14525	17033	11970	55847

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		PRECINCTS				
		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
<u>GREEN-RAINBOW</u>	Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza Curry	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Presidential Preference</u>	Jill Stein	2	1	0	1	4
(vote for one)	William P. Kreml	0	0	0	0	0
	Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0
	Darryl Cherney	0	0	0	0	0
	No Preference	0	0	0	0	0
	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	2	1	0	1	4
<u>State Committee Man</u>	Blanks	2	0	0	1	3
(vote for one)	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	2	1	0	1	4
<u>State Committee Woman</u>	Blanks	2	0	0	1	3
(vote for one)	Sundry-Write-ins	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	2	1	0	1	4
<u>Town Committee</u>	Blanks	10	10	10	10	40
(vote for 10)	Sundry-Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	10	10	10	10	40
		PRECINCTS				
		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
<u>UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY</u>	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
<u>OFFICE</u>	Sundry Write-ins	3	6	1	1	11
<u>Presidential Preference</u>	Total	3	6	1	1	11
(Vote for One)						
<u>State Committee Man</u>	Blanks	3	6	1	1	11
(Vote for one)	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	3	6	1	1	11
		PRECINCTS				
		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
<u>UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY</u>	Blanks	3	6	1	1	11
<u>State Committee Woman</u>	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
<u>(Vote for one)</u>	Total	3	6	1	1	11
<u>Town Committee</u>	Blanks	30	60	20	10	120
<u>(Vote for One)</u>	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	30	60	20	10	120

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		PRECINCTS	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		Democrat	675	604	636	793	2708
		Republican	319	374	422	262	1377
		Green-Rainbow	5	5	0	5	15
	United	Independent Pty	8	13	9	8	38
		Unenrolled	1265	1384	1487	1335	5471
		All Others	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>36</u>
		TOTALS	2277	2393	2562	2413	9645
	Voted on 3/1/2016	PRECINCTS	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	46.5% Voted	Democrat	730	647	629	869	2875
		Republican	352	415	487	342	1596
		Green-Rainbow	2	1	0	1	4
	United	Independent Party	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
		TOTALS	1087	1069	1117	1213	4486
Attest:							
Colleen Toothill-Berte							
Town Clerk							

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN, MAY 16, 2016**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Board of Selectmen	George D. Archibie		38	31	46	28	143
3 years	William R. Barnett		41	29	39	38	147
Vote for two	Sean Gallagher		0	0	8	0	8
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	1	2	3
		Blank	17	8	10	22	57
		Total	96	68	104	90	358
School Committee	Myndi Bogdanovich		39	27	42	36	144
3 years	Sundry Writeins		2	1	1	3	7
Vote for one		Blanks	7	6	9	6	28
		Total	48	34	52	45	179
Planning Board	Daniel R. Beaudette		43	30	46	40	159
5 years	Sundry Writeins		0	0	1	0	1
Vote for one		Blank	5	4	5	5	19
		Total	48	34	52	45	179
Board of Assessors	Raymond G. Goff		42	29	46	38	155
3 years	Sundry Writeins		0	0	1	0	1
Vote for one		Blank	6	5	5	7	23
		Total	48	34	52	45	179
Board of Health	Gary R. Racicot		41	29	46	38	154
3 years	Andrew Drawec		2	0	1	0	3
Vote for two	Gail Gramarossa		0	1	0	1	2
	Diane Mae		0	1	0	0	1
	Robert Hutchinson		0	1	0	0	1
	Jason Woodcock		0	0	1	0	1
	Jeff Pronovost		0	0	1	0	1
	Sundry Writeins		0	1	2	5	8
		Blank	53	35	53	46	187
		Total	96	68	104	90	358
Housing Authority <i>Resident Member</i>	Kenneth A. Dorey		41	29	45	36	151
5 year	Sundry Writeins		1	0	1	0	2
Vote for one		Blanks	6	5	6	9	26
		Total	48	34	52	45	179
Councilor-Hampshire	William R. Barnett		40	31	43	39	153
Council of Governments	Kyle Vincent		39	30	43	39	151
3 years	Sundry Writeins		1	0	0	0	1
Vote for two		Blank	16	7	18	12	53
		Total	96	68	104	90	358

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN, MAY 16, 2016**

<u>Belchertown Registered Voters</u>		<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		Democrat	685	616	641	793	2735
		Republican	317	379	421	259	1376
		Green Rainbow	5	6	0	4	15
		United Independe	11	17	9	10	47
		Unenrolled	1289	1393	1499	1342	5523
		Other	5	14	8	9	36
		Total	2312	2425	2578	2417	9732
<u>Vote Cast on 5/16, 2016</u>							
	1.84%	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			48	34	52	45	179
<u>Attest:</u>							
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte							
Town Clerk							

State Primary - Belchertown - 9-8-2016

DEMOCRAT		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Representative in Congress (Vote for One)	James P. McGovern	114	82	131	152	479
	Blanks	18	16	21	20	75
	Sundry Write-ins	0	3	1	2	6
	Total	132	101	153	174	560
Councillor (Vote for One)	Mary E. Hurley	66	59	81	82	288
	Jeffrey S. Morneau	64	36	67	84	251
	Blanks	2	6	4	8	20
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1
Total	132	101	153	174	560	
Senator in General Court (Vote for One)	Eric P. Lesser	110	84	130	149	473
	Blanks	22	15	22	22	81
	Sundry Write-ins	0	2	1	3	6
	Total	132	101	153	174	560
Representative in General Court		Prec. A	A			
(Vote for One)	Denise Andrews		112			112
	Blanks		20			20
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0
	Total		132			132
Representative in General Court		Prec. B,C, & D	B	C	D	
(Vote for One)	Thomas M. Petrolati		78	126	141	345
	Blanks		21	26	32	79
	Sundry Write-ins		2	1	1	4
	Total		101	153	174	428
Sheriff		A	B	C	D	
(Vote for One)	Patrick J. Cahillane	72	75	102	82	331
	Kavern L. Lewis	5	3	11	16	35
	Melissa E. Perry	51	22	36	70	179
	Blanks	4	0	3	4	11
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	1	2	4
	Total	132	101	153	174	560
REPUBLICAN		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Representative in Congress (Vote for One)	Blanks	26	21	31	14	92
	Sundry Write-ins	2	0	0	0	2
	Total	28	21	31	14	94
Councillor (Vote for One)	Blanks	27	21	31	14	93
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	0	0	1
	Total	56	42	62	28	188

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REPUBLICAN		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator In General Court	James Chip Harrington	25	20	31	11	87
(Vote for One)	Blanks	3	1	0	3	7
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	28	21	31	14	94
Representative in General Court		Prec. A	A			
(Vote for One)	Susannah M. Whipps Lee	24				24
	Blanks	4				4
	Sundry Write-ins	0				0
	Total	28				28
Representative in General Court		Prec. B, C & D	B	C	D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		21	31	14	66
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0
	Total		21	31	14	66
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Sheriff	David F. Isakson	22	19	27	11	79
(Vote for One)	Blanks	3	2	4	3	12
	Sundry Write-ins	3	0	0	0	3
	Total	28	21	31	3	83
GREEN RAINBOW						
Representative in Congress		A	B	C	D	Total
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
Councillor	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Senator in General Court	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Total	0	0	0	0	0
Representative in General Court		Prec. A	A			0
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0				0
	Sundry Write-ins	0				0
	Total	0				0
		Prec. B, C & D	B	C	D	
Representative in General Court						0
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
GREEN RAINBOW						
Sheriff		A	B	C	D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0

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UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY							
Office							
Representative in Congress			<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Total</u>
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1	0	0	0	1
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
	Total		1	0	0	0	1
Councillor							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1
	Total		1	0	0	0	1
Senator in General Court							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1	0	0	0	1
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
	Total		1	0	0	0	1
Representative in General Court		Prec. A	<u>A</u>				
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1				1
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>				0
	Total		1				1
		Prec. B, C & D		<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	
Representative in General Court							0
(Vote for One)							0
	Blanks			0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
	Total			0	0	0	0
Sheriff							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1
	Total		1	0	0	0	1
Registered Voters		PRECINCT	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		Democrat	674	629	652	805	2760
		Republican	321	394	412	262	1389
	Green	Rainbow	5	6	1	4	16
	United Independent	Party	19	23	13	18	73
		Unenrolled	1315	1429	1505	1366	5615
		Other	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	41
		TOTALS	2342	2494	2593	2465	9894
Voted on 9/8/2016		PRECINCT	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6.6% Voted		Democrat	132	101	153	174	560
		Republican	28	21	31	14	94
	Green	Rainbow	0	0	0	0	0
	United Independent	Party	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1
		TOTALS	161	122	184	188	655
Attest:							
Colleen Toothill-Berte							
Town Clerk							

Presential State Election

11-8-2016

Belchertown

		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
President & Vice	Clinton and Kaine	1103	977	1048	1280	4408
President	Johnson and Weld	78	117	107	90	392
(vote for one)	Stein and Baraka	53	43	38	58	192
	Trump and Pence	698	894	955	606	3153
	Blanks	40	35	58	49	182
	Sundry Write-ins	29	38	11	13	91
	Total	2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
Representative in Congress						
(Vote for One)	James P. McGovern	1476	1511	1575	1598	6160
	Blanks	519	587	636	492	2234
	Sundry Write-ins	6	6	6	6	24
	Total	2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
Councillor						
(Vote for One)	Mary E. Hurley	1417	1470	1538	1530	5955
	Blanks	572	630	675	556	2433
	Sundry Write-ins	12	4	4	10	30
	Total	2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
Senator In General						
1st Hampden & Hampshire	Eric P. Lesser	1160	1061	1117	1365	4703
(Vote for One)	James Chip Harrington	746	943	989	603	3281
	Blanks	95	95	111	127	428
	Sundry Write-ins	0	5	0	1	6
	Total	2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
Representative in General Court	Prec. A	A				
Second Franklin District	Susannah M. Whips Lee	1181				1181
(Vote for One)						0
	Blanks	803				803
	Sundry Write-ins	17				17
	Total	2001				2001
Representative in General Court	Prec. B, C & D		B	C	D	
Seventh Hampden District	Thomas M Pertolati		1515	1578	1527	4620
(Vote for One)	Blanks		588	625	561	1774
	Sundry Write-ins		1	14	8	23
	Total		2104	2217	2096	6417
Sheriff		A	B	C	D	
Hampshire County	Patrick J. Cahillane	1202	1166	1210	1383	4961
(Vot for One)	David F. Isakson	641	755	828	532	2756
	Blanks	156	180	178	179	693
	Sundry Write-ins	2	3	1	2	8
	Total	2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	
REGIONAL Vocational Technical						
School Committee	Francesco Dell'Olio	1318	1432	1500	1385	5635
Belchertown	Blanks	674	667	717	706	2764
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	9	5	0	5	19
	Total	2001	2104	2217	2096	8418

Presentational State Election

11-8-2016

Belchertown

REGIONAL Vocational Technical			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
School Committee	Blanks		2001	2104	2212	2076	8393
Oakham	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>
(Vote for One)	Total		2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	David Droz		732	890	912	726	3260
Palmer	Carrie A. LaTulippe		416	453	462	461	1792
(Vote for One)	Blanks		852	759	843	907	3361
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
	Total		2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Blanks		2001	2104	2215	2084	8404
Warren	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>
(Vote for One)	Total		2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
QUESTION 1			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Proposed Law would allow the state Gaming	YES		600	677	712	607	2596
Commission to issue one additional category 2	NO		1302	1310	1361	1397	5370
license which would permit operation of a gaming	Blanks		<u>99</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>452</u>
establishment with no table games and not more	Total		2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
than 1,250 slot machines.							
QUESTION 2							
Proposal would allow the state Board of Elemenatry	YES		521	537	590	546	2194
and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new	NO		1450	1530	1588	1514	6082
charter schools or enrollment expansions in	Blanks		<u>30</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>142</u>
existing charter schools each year.	Total		2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
QUESTION 3			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Proposal would prohibit any farm owner or oper-	YES		1498	1535	1644	1553	6230
ator from knowingly confining any breeding pig,	NO		466	530	532	502	2030
calf raised for veal, or egg laying hen in a way that	Blanks		<u>37</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>158</u>
prevents the animal from lying down, standing up,	Total		2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
fully extending its limbs, or turning freely. Would							
also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption							
or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or							
veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the propose law. Would exempt sales of							
food products that contain veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar							
processed or prepared food items.							
QUESTION 4			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Proposed Law would permit the possession, use,	YES		1117	1149	1092	1294	4652
distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited	NO		859	927	1105	774	3665
amount by persons age 21 and older and would	Blanks		<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>101</u>
remove criminal penalties for such activities. Would	Total		2001	2104	2217	2096	8418
provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana,							
marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.							

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Attest:
Colleen Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held February 22, 2016 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium.

FY16

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:11PM

Registered voters present – 204 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1: Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$437,000 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0- Yes) (Vote -2/3 required – Passed by 2/3)

Article 2: Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, certain parcels of land known as Holland Glen and shown on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps 218, Lot #72.00 and Map 215, Lot #25.00, containing 45 acres of land, more or less, in the aggregate, together with any and all flowage and other rights and easements as may be appurtenant thereto, which parcels of land shall be under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission to file any and all applications for and accept grants and/or reimbursements on behalf of the Town of Belchertown from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant Program (G.L. c. 132A, §11) and/or any other funds, gifts, and grants under any other state and/or federal programs in any way connected with the scope of this Article, including those in aid of conservation land, and enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing acquisition, and, to meet said acquisition and costs incidental or related thereto, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, and, further, to borrow \$187,000 under and pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44B, G.L. c 44, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, for which the Town has received a reimbursement grant of \$127,160.00 under the LAND Grant Program, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission to grant a conservation restriction on said parcels of land, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B, §12. (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 3: Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, for general municipal purposes, the former John Patrick Center at 47 State Street, Belchertown, MA, and identified on Belchertown Assessors Map 250, Parcel 11, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to convey said parcel to the Town of Belchertown. (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow the sum of \$200,000 to purchase the former John Patrick Center located at 47 State Street, Belchertown, MA, further identified on Belchertown Assessors Map 250, Parcel 11, and for costs incidental or related thereto. A motion was made and seconded to Take no Action on this Article. (Vote – Unanimous Yes - Take no Action)

Article 5: Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$90,000 to design, build and furnish a new animal control facility, including all costs incidental and related thereto. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0- Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6: Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$10,000 to the Fire Department Expense Account for the replacement of the engine in Ambulance #2, including all costs incidental and related thereto. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Council on Aging Expenses Account for the completion of the Council on Aging Needs Assessment. A motion was made and seconded to Take no Action on this article. (Vote - Majority Yes - Take No Action)

Article 8: Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$11,000 to the Police Station Expense Account for the purpose of reimbursing funds used for the emergency replacement of the hot water boiler. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9: Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$10,000 for the demolition of the Old Highway Garage building located at 41 Jabish Street including all costs incidental and related thereto. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0- Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10: Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, by removing Chapter 265: Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center and replacing it with the following language:

Chapter 265: Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center

§ 265-1 Purpose.

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to adopt and amend rules and regulations intended to facilitate the orderly use and management of the Belchertown Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Rules and regulations shall be published separately.

§ 265-2 Adoption and posting.

The Board of Selectmen, as operators of the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center, are hereby authorized to adopt, amend, and order to be posted rules and regulations governing the use of the Transfer Station and Recycling Station. The Director of Public Works or any police officer is charged with enforcing these regulations. The maximum fine shall be \$25 for each violation.

§ 265-3 Operation and maintenance.

Operation and maintenance of the solid waste transfer station and recycling center shall at all times comply with the Department of Environmental Protection Regulation 310 CMR 19.00 and any other regulation or order that the Board of Health from time to time adopts or issues under MGL. c. 111, §150A.

§ 265-4 Operation hours and location.

To be determined by the Board of Selectmen

§ 265-5 Access.

A. Belchertown residents only and those licensed by the Board of Health under MGL c. 111, §31A are allowed access to the transfer station in accordance with the following provisions.

B. Resident household permit.

- (1) Upon presentation of a valid motor vehicle registration and payment of a fee as required a permit shall be issued through the Board of Selectmen's office-DPW or at the Transfer Station.
- (2) Permits are valid from March 1 (or time of purchase) through February 28th
- (3) Permits must be affixed to the back of the inside rear view mirror or in a manner which is clearly visible for the station attendants viewing. This requirement will be enforced, and those not complying will not be allowed to enter the transfer station. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations shall result in a fine of \$25 per violation.

§265-6 User fees.

A. User fees will be determined by the Board of Selectmen

§ 265-7 General regulations.

- A. All refuse is to be placed at the transfer station as directed by the attendant.
- B. Smoking is prohibited within the transfer station area.
- C. Scavenging or salvaging is prohibited
- D. Only two motor vehicle stickers shall be issued for each household

- E. No refuse generated from outside Belchertown shall be disposed of by residents or haulers at the transfer station.
- F. No large mechanical equipment, such as a motor vehicle, may be disposed of at the transfer station.
- G. Stumps are not accepted.
- H. Brush up to six inches in diameter will be received at the transfer station on the first Saturday of each month (weather permitting). The brush will be chipped as it is brought in. Leaves may be brought to the composting area any day of the week.
- I. Used motor oil may be disposed of at the transfer station Tuesday through Friday but not on Saturday. Oil must be in small containers and not contaminated with any other substances. Oil from commercial garages and shops will not be accepted.
- J. Town trash bags. All unrecyclable trash is to be disposed of in Town of Belchertown trash bags. The bags are available for purchase at the Selectmen's office during regular business hours. Some businesses in town, DPW and Transfer Station sell the bags in bundles of 10 bags. Trash bags can only be used once, therefore you are not to empty trash bags into the compactor. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations shall result in a fine of \$25 per violation.

§ 265-8 Recycling.

A Special Town Meeting vote on May 14, 1990, made recycling mandatory in Belchertown. See Chapter 109, Article I, "Recycling".

§265-9 Enforcement; violations and penalties. ⁽¹⁾

- A. The Director of Public Works or any police officer shall be responsible, as agents for the Board of Selectmen, for enforcing this bylaw and the rules and regulations adopted hereunder.
- B. Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder shall be fined \$25 and/or be subject to revocation of the transfer station permit(s). This bylaw and the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder may also be enforced by noncriminal disposition pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 40, § 21D, and Section 1-2 of the Town Bylaws.

(1) Editor's Note: See also Ch.1, General Provisions, §1-2, Noncriminal disposition

§ 265-10 Hazardous materials.

Commercial and hazardous wastes are prohibited from the transfer station. These wastes shall be disposed of during household hazardous waste collection sponsored by the Town or by other lawful means. Commercial quantities are regulated by state law.

- A. For purposes of this bylaw, the phrase commercial and hazardous wastes are define to include, but not be not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Paint products. Oil-based paints, lead paints, wood stains, varnishes, oils, wood preservatives and wood putty.
 - (2) Solvents. Paint strippers, thinners, turpentine, alcohols, degreasers, nail polish removers, metal polish and water proofers.
 - (3) Automotive. Engine cleaners, radiator flushes, batteries, gasoline, antifreeze, rustproofing and car wax.
 - (4) Pesticides. Silvex, DDT, Chlordane, Mirex, Aldrin (all banned), bug sprays, no-pest strips, flea powders, flea collars, shampoos, houseplant insecticides, mothballs and flakes, weed killers and fungicides.
 - (5) Cleaners. Oven cleaners, toilet cleaners, floor cleaners, floor polish, spot removers, upholstery cleaners, furniture polish, ammonia and bleach.
 - (6) Hobby supplies. Dyes, glazed, ink and glue.
 - (7) Miscellaneous. Chemistry sets, roofing tar, outdated medicine, asbestos, aerosol cans, explosives and radioactive wastes.
- B. Used motor oil may be disposed of as provided in Section 265-7(I).

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 11: Voted to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint members thereof to work in their department for the balance of the current fiscal year and for Fiscal Year 2017, at an hourly rate not to exceed \$17.50. (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12: Voted to amend Section 145-11 of the zoning bylaw, Schedule of Use Regulations, by deleting item 32 under “Business Uses” in its entirety and replacing it with new items 32 to read as follows:

Zone District VR AG-B LR MDR AG-A B-2 B-1 I MHP LI
 N N N N N PA SP/P SP/P N PA
 PA PA

32. Motor vehicle sales and rental. (Endorsed by Planning Board – Unanimous)
 (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to appropriate from free cash in the Treasury a sum of money to be used by the School Department for the removal of an underground storage tank at Chestnut Hill Community School, including all costs incidental and related thereto. A motion was made and seconded to Take no Action on this article. (Vote - Majority Yes -Take No Action)

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of money to establish a timber marketing plan, prepare bid specifications and provide for or oversee a timber harvest of Town owned land. A motion was made and seconded to Take no Action on this article. (Vote - Majority Yes - Take No Action)

Article 15: Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury a sum of \$10,000 for the design and construction of soccer fields and/or hiking trails at Foley Field, and all costs incidental and related thereto. Motion made for a hand count Vote – Majority Yes (Vote – 83 Yes, 43 No – Majority Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Attest:

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
 TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2016
 FY16**

ART. #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING
1	\$437,000.00	\$437,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund	
2	\$187,000.00		\$187,000.00
5	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00 from Free Cash to design, build and furnish a new animal control facility.	
6	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Expense Account	
8	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00 from Free Cash to the Police Station Expense Account	
9	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00 from Free Cash for the demolition of the Old Highway Garage building located at 41 Jabish Street.	
15	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00 from Free Cash for the design and construction of soccer fields and/or hiking trails at Foley Field	
TOTAL	\$755,000.00	\$568,000.00	\$187,000.00

Attest:

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 9, 2016 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium.

FY16

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:11PM

Registered voters present – 249 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1

Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Council on Aging Wage Account	\$12,000	Council on Aging Expense
Town Accountant's Wage	\$80	Assessors' Wage
Bd. of Selectmen Salary	\$1,534	Library wage
Highway Department Wage	\$15,000	Highway Hired Services
Highway Department Wage	\$600	Hydrant Services

(Finance Committee Took No Action on this article. They did not have information at their last scheduled meeting.) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$160,000 to pay costs of purchasing the former John Patrick Center located at 47 State Street, Belchertown, MA, further identified on Belchertown Assessors Map 250, Parcel 11, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, s. 7(3), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(Finance Committee Took No Action on this article. They did not have information at their last scheduled meeting.) (Vote – 2/3 Required – Passed by 2/3 Vote)

Article 3

Voted to *Take No Action*.

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$282,250, to be expended under the direction of the School Department, to pay costs of underground storage tank removal and replacement at the Chestnut Hill Community School, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, s. 7(9), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. A motion was made to Take No Action on this article.

(Vote – Take no Action - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Attest: Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk



CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 9, 2016 FY16

ART #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING
1	\$29,214.00	\$12,000.00 from Council on Aging Wage Account to Council on Aging Expense; \$80.00 from Town Accountant's Wage to Assessors' Wage; \$1,534.00 from Bd. of Selectmen Salary to Library Wage; \$15,000.00 from Highway Dept. Wage to Highway Hired Services; \$600.00 from Highway Dept. Wage to Hydrant Services.	
2	\$160,000.00		\$160,000.00
TOTAL	\$189,214.00	\$29,214.00	\$160,000.00

Attest: Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk



Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 9, 2016 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY17

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:32PM

Registered voters present – 249 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was performed by Thomas Stockton

Selectman William R. Barnett presented the Citizen of the Year Award to James Natle.

Selectman Nicholas O'Connor presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to BARC (Belchertown Animal Relief Committee) Jennifer Franz accepted on behalf of the committee.

Selectman Ronald Aponte presented the Employee of the Year Award to Bruce Jenks.

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Nicole Dunham for a one year term and Mary Olberding for a three year term as Trustees of the Calvin Bridgman Fund.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at the following hourly rates:
➤ Assessors \$17.50
➤ Board of Health Members \$ 7.25
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program or any other state grant program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$3,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9

Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,876,921, and appropriate from Wetlands Hearings Fees Account the sum of \$2,000 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of \$1,878,921 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

A motion was made to amend the article and passed by a majority.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,876,921, and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearings Fees Account the sum of \$10,862 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, and further, that the town appropriate from the Health Insurance Account the sum of \$9,667 to the Planning Board Salary Account, for a total appropriation of 1,897,450. Motion was made by William R. Barnett.

After much discussion on this amendment, a vote was taken on the amended motion. (Vote to accept the motion as amended - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,117,623 and appropriate the sum of \$725,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of \$3,842,623 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,594,024 and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$191,497, for a total appropriation of \$27,785,521 for the Town School Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,323,957 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-2-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,734,733 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$277,700 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$13,608, for a total appropriation of \$291,308 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,828, appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$188,460, and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$1,543,300, for a total appropriation of \$1,848,588, to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$879,033 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$746,744 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$775,255 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,445,647, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$550,000, for a total appropriation of \$3,995,647 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)

A motion was made to amend.

Voted to raise and appropriate and appropriate the sum of \$3,435,980, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$550,000, for a total appropriation of \$3,985,980 to the Pensions and insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote to accept the amendment – Majority Yes)

(Vote to accept the motion as amended – 2/3 Required – Passed by 2/3)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,123 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,503,801 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 10

Voted to authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, reauthorizing the use of revolving funds as printed in Article 10 of the Warrant.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	\$25,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	\$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	\$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Director	Operating Town Beach Concession	\$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Director	Operating Town Beach	\$50,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Director	Pool Programs	\$130,000	None
Tween & up Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Director	Tween and up programs	\$25,000	None
Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	\$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	\$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	\$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

In § 91-6. Employee benefits, B. Benefits, (3) (a) Holidays, **add:** ½ day on New Year's Eve.

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

➤ **Replace Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart as follows:**

Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Director of Public Works	\$85,946-109,715
Fire Chief	\$85,946-109,715
Director of Information Technology	\$71,622 - 91,429
Town Planner	\$71,622 - 91,429
Town Treasurer-Collector	\$68,211 - 87,076
Town Accountant	\$68,211 - 87,076
Building Commissioner	\$68,211 - 87,076
Director of Assessments	\$68,211 - 87,076
Conservation Administrator	\$65,587 - 83,727
Council on Aging Executive Director	\$65,587 - 83,727
Director of Parks & Recreation	\$65,587 - 83,727
Veterans' Agent	\$63,065 - 80,506

➤ **Under Part-Time Hourly Schedule: Amend the following:**

- Library Page **from** \$6.00-\$8.00/hour **to** \$7.25-\$9.00/hour
- Gym Monitor **from** \$6.75-\$10.00/hour **to** \$9.00-\$15.00/hour
- Parks and Recreation Seasonal Employee **from** \$6.75-\$12.00 **to** \$9.00-\$15.00/hour
- Lifeguards (Pool) **from** \$6.75-\$10.00 **to** \$9.00-\$15.00/hour
- Lifeguards (Beach) **from** \$6.75-\$10.00/hour **to** \$9.10-\$15.10/hour
- Public Works/Maintenance Seasonal Employee **from** \$6.75-\$12.00 **to** \$7.25-\$12.00/hour
- Swim Team Aide **from** \$7.00-\$9.00 **to** \$9.00-\$15.00/hour
- Water Safety Instructor Aide **from** \$7.00-\$9.00/hour **to** \$11.00-\$16.00/hour
- Meals on Wheels Driver **from** \$7.00-\$9.25 **to** \$7.25-\$9.25/hour
- Computer/Printer Technician **from** \$7.00-\$10.00 **to** \$7.25-\$10.00/hour
- Swim Team Assistant Coach **from** \$7.75-\$10.00 **to** \$9.00-\$15.00/hour
- Water Safety Instructor **from** \$8.00-\$9.50 **to** \$9.00-\$13.00/hour
- Program Instructors (Aquatic, Lifeguard, etc.) **from** \$10.00-\$14.00 **to** \$11.00-\$18.00/hour
- Swim Team Coach **from** \$10.00-\$16.00 **to** \$12.00-\$17.00/hour

Add the following:

- Beach Supervisor: \$11.00-\$16.00/hour
- Beach Shift Supervisor: \$10.00-\$15.00/hour
- Sports Official: \$15.00-\$40.00/game

Remove the following:

- Head Lifeguard (Pool) \$7.75-\$12.00/hour
- Head Lifeguard (Beach) \$7.75-\$12.00/hour

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

- **Remove** the compensation chart effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and insert the following chart: **Effective July 1, 2016 to end June 30, 2017**

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	11.19	11.50	11.80	12.12	12.45	12.81	13.16	13.52	13.89	14.27
2	14.54	14.93	15.35	15.77	16.21	16.65	17.11	17.57	18.06	18.56
3	16.72	17.18	17.65	18.14	18.64	19.15	19.68	20.22	20.77	21.34
4	19.22	19.75	20.29	20.85	21.42	22.02	22.63	23.25	23.89	24.53
5	21.15	21.73	22.33	22.94	23.56	24.23	24.89	25.56	26.29	27.00
6	23.27	23.90	24.55	25.25	25.93	26.63	27.38	28.12	28.90	29.69
7	25.58	26.30	27.01	27.75	28.52	29.29	30.11	30.93	31.78	32.67
8	26.61	27.35	28.09	28.86	29.66	30.48	31.31	32.18	33.06	33.97
9	27.67	28.45	29.21	30.03	30.84	31.70	32.57	33.46	34.38	35.33
10	29.61	30.42	31.26	32.13	33.00	33.92	34.85	35.80	36.79	37.80

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 12

Voted to accept as a public way the roadway known as Crestview Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “As-Built Plan” dated September 24, 2013, prepared by Ronald Huot, Land Surveyor recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 231, Page 22 and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in Crestview Drive for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Belchertown and any drainage, utility, access and/or other easements related thereto, as shown on said plan. (Endorsed by Planning Board – Unanimous Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13

Voted to accept as a public way the roadway known as Oasis Drive at Stonegate Farms, Inc., as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “As-Built Plan-Oasis Drive at Stonegate Farms dated, June 30, 2014 with a recording date of October 1, 2015 and prepared by Smith Associates Surveyors, Inc. and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Plan Book 235, Page 51 and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in Oasis Drive at Stonegate Farms, Inc. for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Belchertown and any drainage, utility, access and/or other easements related thereto, as shown on said plan. (Endorsed by Planning Board – Unanimous Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14

Voted to accept as a public way the roadway known as Old Sawmill Road, Hunters Ridge Phase I & II, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “Street Acceptance Plan of Land, Old Sawmill Road-Hunters Ridge Phase I & II”, dated January 13, 2015 prepared by Lewis & Cook Surveyors, Richard A. Lewis, Professional Engineer, recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 234, Page 15 and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in Old Sawmill Road-Hunters Ridge Phase I & II, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Belchertown and any drainage, utility, access and/or other easements related thereto, as shown on said plan. (Endorsed by Planning Board – Unanimous Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 51 "Historic District" as follows:

§51-4. Historic District Commission established.

- A. There is hereby established under MGL c. 40C an Historic District Commission consisting of ~~five~~ seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, including, when possible, one member selected from two nominees submitted by the Belchertown Historic Association; one member selected from two nominees submitted by the local Board of Realtors; one member who is a registered architect in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, selected from two nominees submitted by the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects; one member who is a resident and property owner in the district; and ~~three one~~ members who are ~~is a residents~~ of the town at large. Nominations shall be solicited and received pursuant to MGL c. 40C, § 4.
- B. ~~When the Commission is first established, two members shall be appointed for one year, two members shall be appointed for two years and one member shall be appointed for three years. Successors shall each~~ Members of the Historic District Commission shall be appointed for a term of three years so arranged that the term of at least one member, including but not limited to one of the members appointed from the residents of the town at large, expires each year. Vacancies shall be filled within 60 days by the Board of Selectmen by appointment for the unexpired term. All members shall serve without compensation. The Commission shall elect annually a Chairman and Vice Chairman from its own number and shall appoint a Secretary from within or without its own number. ~~Three~~ Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. (2/3 Required – Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 51 "Historic District" authorizing the Historic District Commission to also be known as the Historic District By-Law Commission, as follows:

- A. There is hereby established under MGL c. 40C an Historic District Commission, which Commission may also be referred to as the Historic District Bylaw Commission, consisting of..."
- (2/3 Required – Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$10,000 to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) 2/3 Required – Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 *"Take no Action"* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain the parcel of land located at 47 State Street, Belchertown, MA, commonly known as the John Patrick Center and further identified as Belchertown Assessors Map 250, Parcel 11, and for all costs incidental or related thereto, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said property and to execute instruments and take such other action as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this article,
Motion was made to Take No Action on this Article.
(Vote – Take no Action - Majority Yes)

- Article 19** *"Take no Action"* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Council on Aging Expense Account for the completion of the Council on Aging Needs Assessment, and for all incidental and related costs,
A motion was made to Take no Action on this Article.
 (Vote – Take no Action – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 20** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to establish a timber marketing plan, prepare bid specifications and provide for an oversee timber harvest on Town owned land, and for all incidentals and related costs. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-1-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)
- Article 21** Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, Chapter 20 "Boats and Boating", Section 20-4(A)(8),
Delete: Motorboats are not allowed to operate on Lake Arcadia at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.
Insert: Motorboats with trolling motors shall be permitted on Lake Arcadia.
 Motorboats with internal combustion engines shall be prohibited.
 (Endorsed by Lake Committee) (Vote – Majority Yes)
- Article 22** Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$2,000 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2017; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:
- \$27,397 from FY 2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
 - \$27,397 from FY 2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
 - \$27,397 from FY 2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing,
- And to appropriate and transfer \$35,375 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 29 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting,
- And further to appropriate and transfer \$39,400 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 33 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting. (Vote – Majority Yes)
- Article 23** Voted to appropriate \$310,000 to pay costs of preserving and/or rehabilitating the Lawrence Parsons Memorial Field (also known as "Parsons Field"), including, without limitation, repairing stone walls on Jabish Street and Jensen Street, demolition, tree work, building and repairing retaining walls, repointing retaining and stone walls, and, further, making such changes as required to bring Parsons Field into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, including all incidental and related costs, such funds to be expended by the Department of Public Works, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow this amount in accordance with M.G.L. c.44B (also known as the Community Preservation Act), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. (Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

- Article 24** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$9,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the preservation and/or rehabilitation of the Chestnut Hill Community School basketball court, including all incidental and related costs, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote Majority Yes)
- Article 25** Voted to amend the vote adopted under Article 2 of the February 22, 2016 Special Town Meeting, which vote authorized the acquisition, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, of those certain parcels of land known as Holland Glen and shown on Assessors Maps 218, Lot #72.00 and Map 215, Lot #25.00, and as described more fully therein, by reducing by \$70,000 the amount authorized to be borrowed for that purpose, and replacing such amount with a transfer of \$70,000 from the Community Preservation Fund, with \$43,000 being appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Balance and the remaining \$27,000 appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)
- Article 26** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve for the grave stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Mt. Hope/South/Rural Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 27** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$16,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve as a grant for the preservation and rehabilitation of the historic Clapp Memorial Library, on which the Town holds a historic preservation restriction, including, without limitation, repairing and rehabilitating the south stained-glass window that is showing signs of stress due to structural issues and exposure to the elements; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a grant agreement with the Trustees of the Clapp Memorial Library to set forth the terms and conditions on which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)
- Article 28** Voted to appropriate \$98,000 as a grant to the Belchertown Housing Authority for the preservation and support of community housing, including, without limitation, for the replacement of the windows at the 48 apartment units that are no longer weather tight and expose the buildings to the elements, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a grant agreement with the Belchertown Housing Authority to set forth the terms and conditions upon which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote - 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)
- Article 29** Voted to supplement the appropriation made under Article 27 of the May 11, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to which the Town appropriated \$218,000 for the purpose of acquiring an affordable housing restriction on 43 of the 83 units in the assisted living facility to be constructed on the site of the former Belchertown State School campus, known as Christopher Heights, which 43 units shall be occupied by persons having incomes not in excess of 80% of the area median income, to now appropriate and transfer \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve for the foregoing purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any agreements and execute any instruments as may be needed, including a grant agreement with The Grantham Group/Christopher Heights of Belchertown setting forth the terms

and conditions on which the funds may be expended and to accept said affordable housing restriction on such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, which restriction shall be enforceable by the Town for a period of no less than 80 years.
(Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 30 *"Take no Action"* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available fund in the Treasury a sum of money to be used by the School Department for the removal and replacement of an underground storage tank at the Chestnut Hill Community, including all incidental and related costs.
Motion made to take no action on this article.
(Vote – Take No Action – Majority Yes)

Article 31 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, by adding a chapter entitled "Small Wind Energy Systems" as printed below and to authorize the Town Clerk to assign a chapter number and internal number consistent with the Code.

§145-28.1 Small Wind Energy Systems

A. Purpose and Intent

This bylaw is to promote safe, effective and efficient use of small wind energy systems for individual property owners to reduce on-site consumption of utility-supplied electricity, while avoiding undue negative effects on surrounding properties.

B. Applicability

1. Small wind energy systems, as defined herein, shall be allowed by special permit issued in accordance with this bylaw in all zoning districts in the town.
2. The Planning Board is the special permit granting authority for small wind energy systems.
3. This section applies to small wind systems no greater than 100 kiloWatts of rated nameplate capacity proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section.
4. Towers are limited to one tower per parcel.
5. Small wind energy systems mounted on buildings shall extend or protrude no more than five feet higher than the highest point of the building.
6. Small wind energy systems that are used primarily for agriculture, as defined in §145-2 of this chapter, also pursuant to MGL c. 40A §3 are exempt from this bylaw.

C. Definitions

Small Wind Energy System: A wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind turbine and associated control or conversion electronics that has a rated capacity of not more than 100 kW and which is intended to provide power primarily for on-site uses, although excess generation may be supplied to the commercial power grid. The distinction between this small wind energy system and a commercial system is that this is intended to provide an alternative to the public utility grid, whereas a commercial system is intended to provide to the public utility grid for pay.

Height: The height of a wind turbine measured from natural grade to the tip of the rotor blade at its highest point, or blade-tip height. This measure is also commonly referred to as the maximum tip height (MTH).

Off-grid: A stand-alone generating system not connected to or in any way dependent on the public utility grid.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power specified by an equipment manufacturer on the nameplate of a piece of equipment or wind turbine system.

Tower: A free-standing structure on which the wind turbine is mounted.

Wind Monitoring or Meteorological Tower: A temporary tower used to gather wind data necessary for site evaluation and development of a wind energy project. In addition a Meteorological tower may be equipped to record temperature, solar radiation and air pressure if necessary, but is not used for the purpose of generating electricity.

Wind turbine: A device that converts kinetic wind energy into rotational energy that drives an electrical generator. A wind turbine typically consists of a tower, nacelle body, and a rotor with two or more blades.

D. Submission Requirements

The applicant shall provide ten copies of each of the following to the Planning Board as part of the special permit application:

1. A completed application form with a review fee.
2. Existing Conditions site plan drawn to scale and in sufficient detail to show the following:
 - a. Property lines, dimensions and area, subject property's owners, and abutters within three hundred feet of the subject property.
 - b. Location and dimensions of all existing buildings, accessory structures and uses, public and private roads, driveways, easements, stone walls, and fence lines within three hundred feet of the system.
 - c. Height of any structures over thirty-five feet, and the location and average height of trees on the subject property and adjacent properties, within three hundred feet of the proposed small wind turbine.
3. Proposed Conditions site plan drawn to scale and in sufficient detail to show the following:
 - a. The location of the proposed tower and any appurtenances and equipment. Indicate property boundaries and distances to the base of the wind tower and to the nearest corners of each of the appurtenant structures and equipment.
 - b. Limits of areas where vegetation is to be cleared or altered and justification for any such clearing or alteration.
 - c. Plans to control erosion and sedimentation both during construction and as a permanent measure.
 - d. Plans indicating locations and specifics of proposed screening, landscaping, ground cover, fencing, exterior lighting or signs.
 - e. Plans of proposed access driveway at the subject site, whether temporary or permanent; include grading, drainage, and traveled width. Include a cross section of the access drive indicating the width, depth of gravel, paving or surface material.
 - f. Location of access easements or rights-of-way, if any, needed for access to the wind tower from a street.

4. Standard drawings of the structural components of the small wind energy system, including structures, tower, base and footings. Drawings and any necessary calculations shall be certified by a registered engineer. The system must comply with the Massachusetts building and electrical codes.
5. A technical report from a qualified individual that the site is feasible for wind power, that documents wind speed at the proposed site, that anticipates energy that will be created from the small wind energy system, and that estimates the amount of energy necessary to serve the on-site uses.
6. Post-construction simulation views of the site from at least four locations where the tower and blades would be visible as through means of sketches or computer simulations.
7. A proposed maintenance schedule for the small wind energy system and related equipment.
8. Emergency Services: The applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary and electrical schematic. All means of disconnecting the small wind energy system shall be clearly marked. This shall be forwarded to the fire department for review and approval.

E. Design and Siting Requirements

1. Unauthorized Access: Small wind energy systems shall be designed to prevent unauthorized access.
2. Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Wildlife Habitat: Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the small wind energy system and is otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.
3. Setbacks: A wind turbine tower may not be sited within:
 - a) a distance equal to one and one-half (1.5) times the maximum tip height (MTH) of the wind turbine from buildings, the nearest property line, critical infrastructure—including critical electric infrastructure and above-ground natural gas distribution infrastructure—or private or public ways that are not part of the wind energy facility;
 - b) a distance equal to three (3.0) times the maximum tip height (MTH) from the nearest occupied residential or commercial structure.
4. Height: The small wind energy system's maximum tip height shall not exceed 120' in height, and must comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regulations.
5. Noise: The wind facility and associated equipment shall conform with the provisions of the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Air Quality Noise Regulations (310 CMR 7.10), unless the Department and the planning board agree that those provisions shall not be applicable. A source of sound will be considered to be violating these regulations if the source:
 - a) Increases the broadband sound level by more than 10 dB(A) above ambient sound, or
 - b) Produces a pure tone condition when an octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by 3 decibels or more.

These criteria are measured both at the property line and at the nearest inhabited structure. Ambient sound is defined as the background A-weighted sound level that is exceeded 90% of the time measured during equipment hours. The ambient sound may also be established by other means with consent from DEP. An analysis prepared by a qualified engineer shall be presented to demonstrate compliance with these noise standards, if required by the planning board. The

planning board, in consultation with the Department, shall determine whether such violations shall be measured at the property line or at the nearest inhabited residence.

6. **Lighting:** Small wind energy systems shall be lighted only if required by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lighting of other parts of the small wind energy system, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties.
7. **Signage and Advertising:** Signs shall be restricted to reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the small wind energy facility and shall defer to the requirements of the Town of Belchertown sign regulations. No advertising shall be allowed.
8. **Visibility:** The wind generation equipment shall have a non-reflective finish of an unobtrusive color.
 - a. **Electromagnetic Interference:** The small wind energy system shall cause no electromagnetic interference. If it is determined that the system causes interference, the operator shall take the necessary corrective action to eliminate this interference, subject to the approval of the Building Commissioner.

F. Approval

The Planning Board shall proceed in accordance with the procedures and timelines for special permits in Chapter 40A Section 9 of MGL and §145-69 of this bylaw. The Planning Board may hire professional consultants at the expense of the applicant to assist it in evaluating the proposed small wind turbine and the impacts on the community.

The special permit will run with the property and shall not be specific to a particular owner unless otherwise noted.

G. Maintenance Requirements

1. The Building Commissioner reserves the right to inspect the small wind energy system and its appurtenances at any time.
2. At all times the applicant and/or successive owners shall maintain the small wind turbine and related equipment in good working condition and perform regular maintenance in accordance with the approved maintenance schedule. A record shall be kept of all maintenance performed, and said record must be provided to the Building Commissioner whenever requested to verify maintenance.
3. The owner's contact information and the manufacturer's contact information must be on file with the Building Commissioner and Fire Department in cases of emergencies.
4. Should the turbine fall into disrepair and/or experience a situation where it is producing unusual noise or other emissions, the system owner shall have no more than 24 hours to implement actions to correct the situation.
5. Failure to properly maintain the small wind turbine or correct other issues may result in revocation of the special permit.
6. The town retains the right, after the receipt of an appropriate court order to enter and remove an abandoned or hazardous small wind turbine, and its related equipment, that is not removed by the property owner within 90 days from the date the Building Commissioner issues written determination that the system is abandoned or hazardous. All associated costs of removal and securing the site for an abandoned or hazardous small wind turbine and related equipment will be charged to the property owner in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. 139, Section 3A as a tax lien on the property.

H. Term Of Special Permit For A Small Wind Energy System

A special permit issued for the construction or operation of any small wind energy system shall be valid for twenty-five years, unless extended or renewed. Upon request, the Planning Board may extend the time period or renew the special permit, if there has been satisfactory operation of the facility. Any special permit issued under this bylaw shall lapse within one (1) year from the grant thereof if construction has not sooner commenced except for good cause. In such a case, a new application process must be undertaken before the small wind energy system can proceed. Upon expiration or termination of the special permit, the small wind energy system shall be removed by the applicant.

I. Change Of Owner

Once a special permit for a residential small wind energy system has been approved, the applicant shall duly record a copy of the special permit with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. All conditions under which the special permit was originally granted shall be binding on all successive owners of the property.

J. Removal Requirements

1. A small wind energy system that is not used for 180 days shall be deemed abandoned and shall be dismantled and removed from the property at the expense of the small wind energy system owner. Removal of the system shall include the structure, foundation, transmission equipment, fencing and other appurtenances. The site shall be re-vegetated to prevent erosion.
2. Any small wind energy system which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned shall be removed. The owner/operator shall physically remove the small wind energy system no more than 90 days after the date of discontinued operations. "Physically remove" shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Removal of all wind turbines, structures, shelters, machinery, equipment, fencing, security barriers, transmission lines and other appurtenances from the site;
 - b. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local and state waste disposal regulations; and
 - c. Restoration of the location of the small wind energy system to its natural condition.

K. Waiver Provisions

The board may waive strict compliance with any provision of this bylaw if it deems it in the public interest and determines that the intent of the bylaw has been maintained. Such waivers must be referenced in the written site plan approval decision, including the reasons for them.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3 Required – Passed by 2/3)

Article 32

Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 145 of the Code of The Town Belchertown, Article XII, Wireless Communications Facilities, §145-62, Use Restrictions, as follows:

- Amend the existing Section B(5) by deleting the strikethrough language and inserting the italicized language, as follows:

~~The base of a tower shall be a distance of at least equal to the tower's height from any property line or existing structure.~~

The base of a tower shall be a distance of at least equal to two times the tower's height from the property line or existing dwelling unit;

(Endorsed by Planning Board 3-2-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3 Required – Passed by 2/3)

Article 33

Voted to amend the Zoning Map, incorporated within the Zoning Bylaw as Section 145-5, to rezone certain portions of Lots 19 and 19.01 on Town Assessors' Map 262 from MDR (Multiple Dwelling Residential) to Ag-A (Primary Agricultural, and from Ag-A to MDR, all as shown on a plan entitled: *Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA prepared for Quianlong (US Boston) LLC, Zone Line Revision Plan, Chauncey Walker Street, " dated 04/01/2016, prepared by Sherman and Frydryk LLC.* (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 34

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into agreement with Nexamp or its affiliates, successors and/or assigns, for Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, Section s38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, for a term of up to 20 years and on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town, for real property and/or personal property associated with privately owned and operated solar energy facilities located or to be located at Franklin Street and North Liberty Street, as shown on Assessors Map 269, Parcel 13 and Assessors Map 269, Parcel 110, and to authorize said Board to take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the vote taken hereunder. (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:25PM.

Attest:

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk



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1-3	None						
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax	\$100.00	\$100.00				
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00				
6	None						
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	\$3,000.00					3,000.00 from Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Devel. Acct
8	None						
9	Itemized Budget						
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	\$1,897,450.00					
	1. Moderator, Salary		\$0.00				
	Expenses						
	2. Board of Selectmen - Salary		\$10,200.00				
	Expenses		\$4,516.00				
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		\$111,376.00				
	Wages		\$119,022.00				
	Expenses		\$8,754.00				
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		\$75,687.00				
	Wages		\$116,620.00				
	Expenses		\$31,430.00				
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		\$69,435.00				
	Wages		\$59,630.00				
	Expenses		\$11,256.00				
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		\$75,687.00				
	Wages		\$180,530.00				
	Expenses		\$47,255.00				
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		\$86,210.00				
	Wages		\$70,020.00				
	Expenses		\$170,950.00				
	8. Board of Assessors,						
	Assessors (Elected)		\$3,200.00				
	Assessor (Salary)		\$75,687.00				
	Wages		\$208,170.00				
	Expenses		\$26,380.00				
	Field Review Update		\$0.00				
	9. Law Account, Fees		\$86,300.00				
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		\$0.00				
	Expenses		\$250.00				
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		\$450.00				
	Wages		\$27,300.00				
	Expenses		\$23,400.00				
	12. Planning Board, Salary		\$77,342.00				
	Wages		\$17,340.00				
	Expenses		\$3,180.00				
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		\$2,000.00				
	Expenses		\$695.00				
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		\$390.00				
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay, Expenses		\$100.00				
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		\$1,500.00				
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		\$500.00				
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary		\$59,966.00				\$10,862 from Wetlands Hearing Acct to Conservation Commission Salary Acct
	Wages		\$7,770.00				
	Expenses		\$2,090.00				
	18A. Lakes Committee, Expenses		\$14,000.00				



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	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$3,842,623.00					
19.	Police Department, Salary		\$124,000.00				
	Wages		\$1,657,993.00				
	Expenses		\$367,575.00				
21.	Fire Department, Salary		\$437,183.00				
	Wages		\$279,378.00				
	Expenses		\$8,000.00				
22.	Injured on Duty, Expenses		\$26,256.00				
23.	Hydrant Service, Expenses		\$35,763.00				
24.	Dog Officer Salary		\$3,600.00				
	Asst. Dog Officer Salary		\$13,400.00				
	Wages		\$11,700.00				
	Expenses		\$73,661.00				
25.	Inspection Services, Salary		\$63,110.00				
	Wages		\$14,444.00				
	Expenses		\$350.00				
26.	Civil Defense, Wages		\$1,210.00				
	Expenses						
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$27,785,521.00					
27.	Town School Department						
	Foundation Spending		\$25,779,307.00		\$191,497.00		
	Transport & Fixed Assets		\$1,814,717.00				
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$1,323,957.00					
28.	Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District						
	Net Budget		\$1,323,957.00				
	DPW - Highways	\$1,734,733.00					
29.	Highways/Personnel						
	Salary		\$100,683.00				
	Wages		\$701,860.00				
	Uniforms		\$17,000.00				
	Expenses		\$750.00				
30.	Highway Admin., Expenses		\$22,070.00				
31.	Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		\$242,000.00				
32.	DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		\$168,500.00				
33.	Hired Services, Expenses		\$181,200.00				
34.	Street Lighting, Expenses		\$39,800.00				
35.	Streets/Construction, Expenses		\$166,240.00				
36.	Professional Engineering, Expenses		\$60,390.00				
37.	Town Garage, Expenses		\$34,240.00				
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL	\$2,139,896.00					
38.	Transfer Station (Total)						
	Wages						
	Expenses						
	Expenses						\$83,640.00 from Landfill Receipts
39.	Sewer Enterprise Fund, Wages		\$116,828.00				\$194,060.00 from Landfill Receipts and \$13,698.00 from Landfill Enterprise fee cash
	Expenses						
	Expenses						\$157,442.00 from Sewer Enterprise fee cash
	Expenses						\$31,018.00 from Sewer Enterprise fee cash and \$599,262.00 from Sewer Receipts
	Expenses						\$869,632.00 from Sewer receipts
	Expenses						\$74,406.00 from Sewer Receipts
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	\$879,033.00					
40.	Board of Health, Salary		\$2,825.00				
	Wages		\$5,500.00				
	Expenses		\$12,146.00				



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41.	Council on Aging, Salary		\$70,828.00				
	Wages		\$416,180.00				
	Expenses		\$30,240.00				
42.	Veterans Services,						
	Agent Salary		\$68,104.00				
	Expenses		\$2,080.00				
	Veterans Benefits		\$241,000.00				
43.	Veterans Graves - Expenses		\$2,180.00				
44.	DPW - Cemetery Department, Expenses		\$27,850.00				
45.	Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		\$100.00				
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$746,744.00					
46.	Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		\$73,661.00				
	Wages		\$273,820.00				
	Expenses		\$103,686.00				
47.	Parks and Recreation, Salary		\$64,917.00				
	Wages		\$191,770.00				
	Expenses		\$4,710.00				
48.	Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		\$32,630.00				
49.	Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		\$1,550.00				
51.	Family Center, Expenses						
	DPW - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	\$775,255.00					
52.	DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		\$363,350.00				
	Expenses		\$88,000.00				
53.	DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		\$51,390.00				
54.	DPW-Town Common, Expenses		\$5,150.00				
55.	DPW-Town Clock, Wages		\$600.00				
56.	DPW-Finney House, Expenses		\$8,220.00				
57.	DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		\$7,170.00				
58.	DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		\$55,290.00				
59.	DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		\$18,465.00				
60.	DPW-Police Station, Expenses		\$59,505.00				
61.	DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		\$10,650.00				
62.	DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		\$16,675.00				
64.	DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		\$41,365.00				
65.	DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		\$5,910.00				
66.	DPW-Tagell/MEMA Space, Expenses		\$32,726.00				
67.	Animal Control Building		\$10,789.00				
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE	\$3,985,980.00					
68.	General Insurance, Expenses					\$361,223.00	
68.	Unemployment Insurance, Expenses					\$16,661.00	
69.	Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses					\$8,000.00	
70.	Health Insurance, Expenses		\$794,217.00			\$164,116.00	
71.	Group Life Insurance, Expenses		\$4,000.00				
72.	FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		\$100,000.00				
73.	Pensions, Expenses		\$2,537,763.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	\$56,123.00					
74.	Historical Commission, Expenses		\$500.00				
75.	Historical District, Expenses		\$348.00				
76.	Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		\$300.00				
77.	Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		\$2,500.00				
78.	Unclassified Accts, Expenses		\$52,475.00				
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	\$2,503,801.00					
79.	Interest, Expenses		\$523,801.00				
80.	Maturing Debt, Expenses		\$1,980,000.00				



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	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS						
10 - 16	81. Council of Governments, Assessment	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00				
17	None						
18-19	Payment for OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefit)	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00	
20	None						
21	To establish a Timber Marketing Plan	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00				
22	Community Preservation Admin Expense	\$2,000.00					
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	\$27,397.00					\$2,000 from FY17 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Historic Resources	\$27,397.00					\$27,397 from FY17 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Community Historic Resources	\$27,397.00					\$27,397 from FY17 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 29 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting	\$35,375.00					\$35,375.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 33 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting	\$39,400.00					\$39,400.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
23	Preservation &/or rehabilitating Lawrence Parsons Memorial Field (aka "Parsons Field), including, without limitation, repairing stone walls on Jabish St. & Jensen St. demolition, tree work, building & repairing retaining walls, repointing retaining & stone walls, and, further, making such changes as required to bring field in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, including all incidental & related costs to be expended by the Department of Public Works	\$310,000.00		\$310,000.00			
24	Preservation and/or rehabilitation of the Chestnut Hill Community School basketball court.	\$9,000.00					\$9,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
25	Acquisition of land known as Holland Glen, Assessor Maps 218, Lot #72.00 & Map 215 & Lot # 23.00 - amending the vote at the Feb 22, 2016, Article 2, reducing the amount being borrowed by \$70,000.	\$70,000.00					\$43,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance and appropriate & transfer \$27,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve
26	Preservation & restoration of grave stone project at Mt Hope/South Rural Cemetery.	\$5,000.00					\$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve fund.
27	Preservation and rehabilitation for the historic Clapp Memorial Library south stained-glass window	\$16,500.00					\$16,500 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve
28	Replacement of windows at the 48 Housing Authority apartments that are no longer weather tight.	\$98,000.00		\$98,000.00			



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29	For the acquisition of an affordable housing restriction on 43 units in the proposed Assisted Living facility to be built on the former BSS campus, which 43 units shall be occupied by persons having incomes not in excess of 80% of the area median income, with said funds to be granted pursuant to a grant agreement, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions on which the funds may be expended, and accept said affordable housing restriction on such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, which restriction shall be enforceable by the Town for a period of 80 years.	\$20,000.00					\$20,000.00 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve
30-34	None						
TOTAL		\$48,414,432.00	\$44,213,539.00	\$408,000.00	\$191,497.00	\$560,000.00	\$3,041,396.00
	Attest:						
	Colleen K. Toothill-Berre						
	Town Clerk						

